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## U.S., Jordan talks focus on arms issue

AMMAN, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — American Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger met with King Hussein and other Jordanian political and military figures Thursday to discuss Jordan's military needs, according to an official announcement.

The announcement said Mudar Badran, Jordan's prime minister who also holds the defense portfolio, and Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem were present at the meeting. It said top Jordanian military officers also attended the talks which focused on Jordanian-American cooperation and possible U.S. arms supplies to Jordan.

Earlier, Weinberger had intensive talks with Jordanian military officers before attending an air show supervised by King Hussein.

Weinberger is on a tour of some Arab states. He visited Saudi Arabia and Oman before traveling to Jordan where American defense officials said he hopes to persuade Hussein not to buy weapons from the Soviet Union. The secretary attended a military briefing Thursday morning conducted by chief of staff Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb and commander-in-chief of the armed forces Gen. Zeid Bin Shaker.

Weinberger said soon after arriving in Jordan that he was willing to ask Congress to approve the sale of a mobile air defense system if Hussein would scrap plans to buy an anti-aircraft system from the Soviet Union. Jordan's military is equipped almost entirely with Western arms.

The Israelis have said they don't want Jordan to have a mobile missile system because the Jordanians could then roll the batteries into the Jordan Valley and knock down Israeli Spy planes.

The apparent catch in the U.S. offer was that Jordan would be asked to cancel an Iraqi-financed deal with the Soviet Union to buy \$200 million worth of mobile Soviet missiles system that the king agreed to buy on a visit to the Soviet Union last year.

Attempts by Reagan to dissuade the king from buying the missiles failed during a summit in Washington last November.

### Elections leading to autonomy

## Prior eyes N.Ireland formula

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AFP) — James Prior, the British secretary of state for Northern Ireland, has said he sees an opening for self-government in the region, but that the problem of getting the minority Roman Catholic population involved remains a major obstacle.

Prior, in an exclusive interview with AFP, said that even Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), could participate in regional assembly elections. Those elections would be part of a plan he said he is preparing for the British territory's autonomy. "Unless I am certain that all parties will take part in the election, I don't think we should go ahead with it," Prior said. "The difficulty has been to find a formula which enables the minority community to share in that government."

"What I have been seeking to do," he added, "is to find a formula which enables first of all an assembly to be set up under proportional representation, and then to give the assembly important work to do, as a legislature, and suggesting to them ways by which they can have their own executive, and have power which at the moment are held by the British government transferred back to them."

Informed sources close to Prior said the proposal would require a 70 percent majority of the assembly for major decisions, in order to preserve the rights of the Catholic minority. The elections could take place as early as next autumn if the plan is approved by the British House of Commons, the sources said. "I have got to get everyone at least to agree to take part in an election, otherwise it won't stand a chance of success," he said. "Sinn Fein are perfectly entitled to have candidates

standing for the assembly."

But he added that he would have no dealings with Sinn Fein until they "renounce the use of arms, and resort to the ballot box."

Countering charges by some of Ulster's loyalist Protestants that his plan sought to abandon Northern Ireland, he said: "My plan is not a first step toward anything to do with getting rid of Ulster. There are a million Protestants who are loyal to the United Kingdom, and half a million Catholics, many of whom don't wish to have a united Ireland."

He added: "We have no reason to think that if there was any poll in Northern Ireland, there would not be a considerable majority in favor of staying in the United Kingdom. Even if you remove the border tomorrow, you'll still be left with the problem." In Northern Ireland there are people not wishing to join with the south."

"It is nonsense to talk about the army preventing the unification of Ireland when the majority of people in the north do not want reunification," he said. "The army is there for the express purpose of preventing further bloodshed, and that is why we have to get a political solution as soon as we possibly can."

Prior said recent polls showing a large number of Britons favoring a pullout from Northern Ireland resulted from an "emotional feeling". There was, he said, "natural impatience by a number of people in Britain in see peace restored in Northern Ireland." He added that the government has had a "number of successes against the IRA, because of increased intelligence coups, better cooperation from the Irish Republic and strong condemnations of violence by the Roman Catholic church."

### American museums receive donations

## Nancy Reagan returns borrowed clothes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11, (WP) — Nancy Reagan, whose controversial practice of accepting free designer clothes was disclosed a month ago, returned an expensive handbag and belt to their designer, Judith Leiber, six months after they had been sent to her as birthday gifts.

Leiber said in a telephone interview from Florence, Italy, that the handbag and belt were returned to her last month and that a note from the first lady accompanied them. In it she said that she was not wearing them and felt that someone else might use them more.

Leiber's bags, including a \$1,600 alligator bag Mrs. Reagan wore with her inaugural outfit, range in price from several hundred dollars to several thousand.

The White House would not confirm whether the return of Leiber's birthday gifts was part of a new policy. Sheila Tate, the first lady's press secretary, said she was unaware of the specific return.

Tate did say Mrs. Reagan returned the



SPEED SKATING RECORD: Giambattista Karcola established a new world speed record on roller skates Wednesday by being paled at 183.3 kmph (113.5 mph) at the Koenig autodrome in Milan, Italy. Karcola is a 26-year-old Italian mason. The previous record was 177.8 kmph (106.7 mph).

## Abdul Sattar says country in crisis, dismisses cabinet

DACCA, Feb. 11, (R) — Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar dissolved his 41-member cabinet Thursday, saying the country faced a serious crisis. He said a new smaller cabinet would be formed Friday.

In a national radio and television broadcast, he said people had grown to doubt the integrity, honesty and sincerity of cabinet ministers. "Most of those who sit at the helm of state affairs have failed to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people and I admit that consequently the country and the nation face a serious crisis," he said. The overall situation in the country has deteriorated."

The dissolution of the cabinet, formed on Nov. 27, followed a special cabinet meeting and a meeting between President Abdul Sattar and the chiefs of the armed forces.

## Pakistan nabs 170 on charge of subversion

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 11, (AFP) — The government Thursday announced it had identified about 400 "subversive elements" and arrested 170 of them operating in the country as agents of the Kahul-based terrorist group Al-Zulfikar.

They will be tried in military courts for sabotage, which carries the death sentence. Police chief Ali Ifan Mulli told press at Lahore that the subversive elements were identified in Punjab province along with several hundred arrests in North West Frontier Province. But police sources in Peshawar said Wednesday that most of the detainees were freed after their links with the terrorist organization led by former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's son, Murtaza Bhutto, could not be established.

The group claimed responsibility for several sabotage acts, including the hijacking of a plane to Kabul and Damascus in March last year. Mulli said out of the identified terrorists 125 have fled the country, while 70 were still sought by police.

The arrests follow vast security net laid by authorities around the country. Several dozen people arrested on similar charges in the North West Frontier Province were also expected to be tried in the military courts.

The action of the 76-year-old president came as a surprise as he had summoned parliament to meet Feb. 15.

President Abdul Sattar has been at odds with some ministers and leaders of his ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), but political observers believed he had been trying to heal the rift before parliament sat.

In his brief speech, he said: "The people have reposed their confidence in me and voted me president, but I feel the overall situation in the country today disappointed the people."

He was elected after the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman by dissident military officers in May last year. The government has faced serious economic crises and also problems in meeting military demands for a greater share in running the country.

This means that the program to nationalize five industrial groups and 41 finance houses now becomes effective as Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and President Francois Mitterrand signed the law immediately on hearing the decision.

On Jan. 16, the council declared the government's first program to be unconstitutional.

Mubarak offers to reconcile with Arabs

CAIRO, Feb. 11, (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has signaled that he is ready for a reconciliation with the rest of the Arab world, but says rapprochement must not be at the expense of good relations with Israel.

Arab states have mounted a political boycott of Egypt since the late President Anwar Sadat signed a peace treaty in 1979 with Israel. Now President Mubarak, who took over as head of state after the assassination of President Sadat last October, is offering to make up with his former allies which has instructed the Cairo government.

"Egypt's doors are open to any Arab country. I do not want to impose myself on any Arab brother or embarrass any of them... But Egypt will welcome them back when they find the time appropriate," the 53-year-old Egyptian leader said in Bonn during a six-month tour of Western Europe and the U.S. this month.

Arab and Western diplomats say there are unlikely to be any concrete developments until Israel's final withdrawal in April from the Sinai Peninsula, occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

But they point to several signs that Mubarak and some Arab countries will be willing to improve relations after that. Last month, King Hassan of Morocco said he hoped Egypt would join the Arab League conference that will take place in Morocco, probably in May or June. "I hope with all my heart that Egypt will rejoin the Arab camp and participate at the next Arab summit at Fez," he said. "An Arab world without Egypt is not complete."

Since taking office, Mubarak has ordered a halt to all attacks by the Cairo press on Egypt's Arab critics. At a press conference in Bonn, he said that the Cairo headquarters of the Arab League, shifted to Tunis in 1979 as part of the Arab boycott, remained available for "our Arab brethren."

## Syria seals off city following turmoil

DAMASCUS, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Syria acknowledged for the first time Thursday that its army had sealed off the city of Hama, but the government complained officially that the United States exaggerated reports of unrest there.

American Ambassador Robert Paganelli was summoned to the Foreign Ministry where the Syrians lodged a formal complaint that Washington was interfering in Syrian domestic affairs, a Foreign Ministry statement said.

The complaint was Syria's reaction to remarks Wednesday by State Department spokesman Dean Fischer who told reporters Washington had seen early reports of "serious disturbances" in Hama and that the city of 260,000 residents was sealed off by the army.

"I can even say that the security situation inside Syria is even more quiet and safe than many American cities," said Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad at a news conference Thursday.

He said, however, that Hama was sealed off while authorities pursued "criminals" there. Asked if reporters could visit the city, a four-hour drive north of Damascus, Iskandar said, "Yes. But after the search is finished and the last criminal arrested."

He did not say why the suspects were wanted or how long the search has been going on. Nor did he say how many people have died in the campaign.

The spokesman accused the United States of circulating false reports about Syria in an attempt "to divert attention from its major political and diplomatic defeat at the United Nations General Assembly, as a result of its support for Israel's decision to annex the Golan Heights." The United States and several West European nations last week voted against a General Assembly resolution calling for a boycott of Israel in punishment for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

### Warns of insulating Europe

## EEC raps U.S. policies

BRUSSELS, Feb. 11, (R) — The European Common Market Thursday stepped up its attack on United States monetary policies and resulting high interest rates, saying they were increasing the temptation for Europe to adopt protectionist policies.

The warning was voiced by Belgian Finance Minister Willy de Clercq, holder of the six-month rotating presidency of the European Economic Community (EEC) finance council. He told journalists that the international impact of Washington's tough monetary stance was creating growing concern in the community.

EEC finance ministers would seek a coordinated approach to the problem at a meeting here Monday. Governments of the 10 EEC states would also seek to insulate Europe from the worst effects of U.S. policy by forging closer links among themselves. The latest round of U.S. interest rate rises, encouraged by the large deficit forecast for the 1983 U.S. budget, was making it harder for Europe to adopt coherent economic and monetary policies, de Clercq said.

European governments fear the high interest rates stemming from U.S. monetary and fiscal policies are stifling economic recovery

by pushing up the cost of borrowing in Europe at a time of record unemployment.

Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens visits Washington next week in his capacity as president of the EEC council, and is expected to tell President Reagan of the anxiety U.S. monetary policies are causing in Europe. De Clercq's warning that they could encourage protectionist policies in the EEC comes at a time when the two sides are already embroiled in bitter disputes over steel and agricultural trade.

In a prepared statement, the Belgian finance minister said the community had the right to underline the international impact of U.S. policies, emphasizing in particular high and volatile interest rates. Europe was also justified in asking Washington to consider policy adjustments such as reducing the budget deficit, more flexible monetary control techniques, and an end to the policy of "benign neglect" of the dollar on foreign exchanges.

A coordinated EEC approach on these issues was essential so that a dialogue with the U.S. could be pursued through various channels, de Clercq said.

### with Arabs

rights of the Palestinian people.

The Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt were rejected by most Arab states on the grounds that they failed to deal with the heart of the Middle East crisis — Palestinian aspirations for statehood. Throughout his foreign tour, Mubarak laid repeated stress on the need to solve the Palestinian problem, which he said was the key to a comprehensive and lasting Middle East peace.

In Washington, he urged President Reagan to open a dialogue with the Palestinians, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

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# Saudi, Swede scrutinize road safety

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ALKHOBAR, Feb. 11 — Every three hours in 1979 someone was killed in a road accident in Saudi Arabia. That same year there were also 16,700 injuries from road accidents recorded.

These fearful statistics from the Ministry of Information were cited by Hamad Thawrah Al-Khalidi in a recent defense of his M.S. thesis, "Drivers' Attitudes and Their Relation to Accident Involvement in Saudi Arabia." Khalidi defended his thesis at the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM).

In 1971, however, the statistician remarked, the death rate on Saudi Arabian roads was only one every two days. Why the drastic increase?

Khalidi's answer is a simple one: more cars

the need for research into Saudi driving habits.

Rumar was participating in the Saudi Arabian-Swedish workshop in traffic safety and road maintenance. The lone psychologist among the 16 engineers and administrators of the Swedish delegation, Rumar believes that planners need to know how man functions before they build either a road or a vehicle.

Dr. Rumar remarked that any country with an explosion of motorization like that here would be in trouble and that he was impressed by the Saudi Arabian authorities' handling of the problem.

Human error is at fault in 70 to 90 percent of accidents according to the international figure observed the psychologist. Khalidi's survey supports this statistic. He found 57 percent of accidents were solely due to

way round them while the speeder gets the negative reinforcement of a good jolt.

Rumar is famous in Sweden as the father of the daytime vehicle headlight. "Whenever there was an accident," he remarked, "all involved would protest, 'But I didn't see the car coming until it was too late.' Because of this, much research was done to learn how to enable drivers to improve their detection of cars. Initial research focused on car colors: the orange car was found superior except in autumn when it merges with the brilliant fall foliage."

Not many people, however, like orange enough to make them want to buy an orange car.

Then Rumar hit upon the idea of requiring motorists to turn their headlights in the daytime. That way, he figured, motorists and pedestrians would more easily notice vehicles

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heading their way. He was right. The use of daytime headlights on all vehicles reduced daylight collisions by 15 percent.

In 1967 the Swedes decided to change from driving on the left like the British to driving on the right like the rest of Europe. Imagine the possible consequences of such a drastic change: massive snarl-ups, and collisions at every corner — in short, chaos.

The actual result was just the opposite: instead of increasing, the accident rate dropped in 1967, the year of the change from left to right. Why?

"Everyone suddenly realized that driving was dangerous," answered the psychologist, "and so everyone became motivated to be as safe as possible." The Swedish Road Safety Office reduced the speed limit during the changeover both to make drivers aware of the importance of lowering speed and to minimize the severity of casualties. So fundamental was the conversion that some Swedes say "we should change every ten years to get people to be aware of danger and to drive safely."

"A straight road is not a safe road," claimed Rumar. The psychologist who is also research director at the National Swedish Road and Traffic Research Institute claimed that straight roads encourage speeding. They also make it more difficult for a motorist to judge the speed of other vehicles, and disastrous overtaking often results. A gently curved road, on the contrary, stimulates a driver to stay alert. "He can't fall asleep because he is always having to do something."

"In every country we are so concerned about so much greater risk on the road than anywhere else," said Rumar with a heart-felt sigh. He paused, then added hopefully, "by concentrating on the often forgotten engineering aspects of road safety, we can save lives."

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motorists have fewer collisions than bachelors; along with the other benefits of wealth, the rich suffer fewer accidents than the poor; and licensed drivers have fewer mishaps than their unlicensed fellow travelers.

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## State aid, operation fees increased New statute to boost private hospital service

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — The new hospital statute approved by the Council of Ministers this week will provide increased state subsidies for building new private hospitals, reserve 10 to 15 percent of hospital beds all year round and increase fees charged for operations, according to Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri.

The minister told *Al-Riyadh* Thursday that under the new statute government financial assistance for building new hospitals will be based on the estimate of SR800,000 per bed instead of the previous SR120,000. This is equal to the estimated cost of hospitals built by the government, Jazaeri said.

"This is an economically encouraging percentage and a strong incentive for private investment in providing improved medical services to citizens seeking treatment in private hospitals," Jazaeri said.

The new statute is an incentive to the medical health sector to make it keep pace with the overall development of the Kingdom. The statute provides both financial and moral support to the private health sector.

The ministry of health will reserve between 10 and 15 percent of the total number of beds of all private hospitals as a minimum to encourage them economically and ensure the state's participation in their direct income," Jazaeri revealed. The beds will be paid for whether occupied or not.

The minister said operating fees have been increased by varying percentages, but will double on average compared with current prices. Thus,



Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri

average for simple operations will be SR2,000," he was quoted as saying.

Operating fees have been fixed on the basis of three categories of the medical profession as the first expert, second expert and consultants, Jazaeri said. Also, the category of the physician who performs the operation and the doctor who provides treatment has been taken into consideration in fixing the cost of operations.

"The previous (current) hospital tariff has become economically unfeasible for the owners. Neither does it encourage the development of the health sectors and provide a high standard of medical treatment.

That prompted us to find an intermediate solution by bringing closer the economic benefit of hospital owners and the improved treatment given to those seeking it. The decision was taken following a detailed and specialized study by the government."

Citizens prefer a "hotel service" type of treatment where a hospital room is provided with a telephone and television set and that is what they lack in public hospitals, Jazaeri said.

Among the facilities granted by the government is that investors in this sector have a repayment period for loans over a period of 20 years without any interest.

"This is an economic feature which is profitable and encouraging," he said.

"We know that investing in this field has been restricted because of the little income of such projects. But with the new statute, the shortcomings will have been overcome," the minister said.

However, the ministry will regulate the flow of applications for investment in the private hospitals industry. It will organize the distribution of the private hospitals industry. It will organize the distribution of such projects so that they would not be congested in a particular area and most important yet, to see that all towns will be covered sufficiently. Jazaeri predicted that within the next five or six years "we will attain a good and semicomprehensive service in all areas of the country."

New licenses will be studied by the ministry which will decide upon the total cost for every hospital entitling their owner a government's loan.

### Transport talks held

MUSCAT, Feb. 11 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri met with his Omani counterpart, Salim Nasser Al-Bousaidi Thursday to review bilateral relations and means of promoting transport and communications cooperation.

Earlier, Mansouri and his accompanying delegation visited Nizwa, the Omani historical town. The Saudi Arabian minister arrived here Tuesday on an official visit at the invitation of Bousaidi.

### Message delivered

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — Foreign Ministry Undersecretary for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri conferred with visiting Portuguese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Leonardo Matias Wednesday.

Matias delivered a written message from the Portuguese prime minister to Crown Prince Fahd. Bilateral relations and ways of their promotion were reviewed.

### Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:56	3:24	3:06	3:31	3:58
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:18	6:15	5:46	5:31	5:56	6:23
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# Rajavi's group repeats vow to topple Khomeini

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — Mujahedeen Khalq guerrillas on Thursday announced they were "more ready than before" to topple the fundamentalist regime of Ayatollah Khomeini to replace it with a "democratic alternative." The Paris office of Mujahedeen Khalq leader Masoud Rajavi, in a telephone call to the Beirut office of the Associated Press, said "The dawn for Iran is near at hand."

A spokesman for the Rajavi office, who for security reasons declined the use of his name, read a statement issued by the Mujahedeen on the third anniversary of the Iranian revolution, celebrated throughout Iran on Thursday.

The spokesman, who often calls the AP with such statements, spoke of the Iranian revolution as a "stolen one, sacrificed to the hunger for power of the religious leaders."

While denying recent reports of arrests made by Iran's state-owned news media, the Mujahedeen statement charged that such news items were broadcast to "weaken the morale of the people."

On Thursday a staffer at Tehran radio told the AP by telephone that several members of the Marxist guerrilla group Pekar had been apprehended in Tehran. The staffer, who requested anonymity, said it was not yet clear how many were held in custody, but said the arrests were made during raids on guerrilla hideouts in the capital city.

However, a well-placed source told the AP in Beirut by telephone four members of the

## Iran to maintain nonaligned policy

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Iran will maintain a neutral nonaligned policy despite its recent initiative for a rapprochement with the Soviet Union, Iranian President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei said in an interview published here Thursday.

In his first interview with a foreign news organization, the president told *Yomiuri Shimbun* newspaper that his country wanted to maintain friendly ties with Japan and was ready to boost relations between the two countries. He dismissed any idea of an improvement in Iranian U.S. relations, but

Pekar group had been arrested in Tehran. The Pekar is an offshoot of the Mujahedeen Khalq, with Marxist-Leninist beliefs, while the Mujahedeen have a more Islamic ideology.

Rajavi, also thanked people in Iran who have sheltered guerrillas fighting a seven-month war of bombings and assassinations against the Khomeini regime. The Mujahedeen claimed that "hundreds of thousands" of their supporters and members were being hidden by the Iranian people.

The Mujahedeen statement came in the wake of reports of widespread arrests and a general crackdown on guerrillas in Iran.

The latest crackdown on guerrillas started Monday when revolutionary guards raided several Mujahedeen Khalq hideouts in the capital, killing the Mujahedeen's chief of staff, Musa Khayyani, the head of internal operations in the absence of Rajavi who is in exile in Paris. Rajavi's wife was among those killed in the raids.

Tehran was the scene of huge demonstrations Thursday to mark the anniversary of the Iranian revolution.

To celebrate, the government invited guests from 48 countries, including the United States, Canada, Lebanon, Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Australia in a show of stability and strength, according to the official news media. The state-owned news media did not identify who the Americans were, but the radio has mentioned one American woman, without giving other details.

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## U.S. dissuades Israel from invading S. Lebanon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The United States has persuaded Israel to hold off a planned, truce-shattering invasion of southern Lebanon while it works through Arab governments to try to stop the Palestine Liberation Organization from violating the ceasefire, diplomatic sources said.

Israel has built up its forces along the Lebanese border and was poised to attack until Secretary of State Alexander Haig told an Israeli emissary last week that striking Palestinian positions in southern Lebanon might destabilize the entire region, the sources said.

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## 81 detainees released in Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Socialist prosecutor general has ordered the release of 81 people, including one Coptic Christian Bishop and four priests who were arrested last September in the late President Anwar Sadat's clampdown on religious and political opponents, the official Middle East News Agency reported Thursday.

Some 1,536 people accused of fomenting sectarian tension were arrested in the crackdown five months ago, and several professors and journalists were transferred from sensitive positions in universities, leading newspapers and the Egyptian broadcasting authority to less important posts.

At the same time Sadat banned an opposition newspaper and several Coptic and Muslim publications which he accused of extremism. He also withdrew state recognition of Pope Shenouda III as the head of Egypt's Coptic Church.

Some 400 people have so far been released, and 115 professors and journalists have been reinstated in their jobs, according to figures carried by the official media over the past few months.

The news agency, in a separate dispatch Thursday, said the state administrative court had ordered the suspension of the September presidential decree ordering the arrests.



CAMEL CARAVAN: A small camel caravan follows a centuries-old route north toward Soviet Asia or possibly even China after unloading its wares of lumber and potatoes in the plains of Pakistan. The nomadic tribesmen who inhabit the mountains of northern Pakistan know no border.

## Golan Arabs seek U.N. help to foil Israeli annexation

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (R) — Arab villagers in the Syrian Golan Heights, threatening a civil revolt against Israel for annexing the region, called Thursday for United Nations help to resist the Israeli move.

Leaders of the 13,000 Druze residents of the Syrian plateau, occupied in 1967, told reporters they had cabled U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar asking for political and financial support.

Some 2,000 Druze met Wednesday night in the village of Ein Kinya and reaffirmed anti-Israeli resolutions adopted during a similar gathering last Tuesday.

Hayel Abu-Jahal, from the village of Majdal Shams, told reporters the Druze would refuse to pay income tax to the Israeli authorities, reject help from the Israeli social security and medical services and refuse to

## Iraq denies two jets downed by Iran

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (R) — Iraq denied Thursday Tehran radio reports that two Iraqi jet fighters were shot down over the Iranian city of Abhaz Wednesday and said Iraqi troops had successfully fought off Iranian reinforcements in the nearby Bosan area.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Iran has thrown armor and infantry into bat-

tle in an attempt to stop Iraq's advance toward Bosan, a border town in Iran's Khuzestan province. But Iraqi forces had won and left the battlefield littered with burned-out Iranian armor, INA said.

An Iraqi military communiqué Wednesday said Iraq had only one more defensive line to smash before reaching Bosan.

## UNRWA needs \$20m to keep schools

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 11 (AP) — The head of the U.N. Relief Agency for Palestinian refugees has said he urgently needed at least \$20 million to keep his school program from collapsing.

Olof Rydbeck, a Swede who is commissioner-general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), told a news conference Wednesday that if the funds are not forthcoming by next month he will have to begin preparing dismissal letters for the 10,000 teachers employed in agency schools.

Rydbeck's appeal is a perennial one since the agency depends on voluntary contributions. Those costs keep rising because of inflation and increased pupil enrollment, according to the agency's head.

Last year, Rydbeck said, Arab states accounted for only 8 percent of UNRWA's income of \$193.8 million. The United States and Western Europe are UNRWA's principal financial supporters.

The school system enrolls 339,000 pupils

in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip. Rydbeck has warned in the past of dire political consequences if the school system folds.

For the current year, Rydbeck said the agency faces a deficit of \$63.7 million, of which \$33.1 million relates to the school program. UNRWA also provides food and medical relief to Palestinian refugees.

We're not at the meeting," he said.

Some African diplomats said they thought Libya was unlikely to intervene again in Chad as such action would be seen as inconsistent with its chairmanship of the OAU, which Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi is due to assume in June.

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# U.S. Congress urged to grant 5th shuttle

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Space agency officials urged Congress Wednesday to consider approving a fifth U.S. space shuttle, claiming the presently planned fleet of four can't meet the demand of those who want to put payloads in orbit.

"The future demands for the space shuttle right now exceeds our capability," Dr. Stanley I. Weiss of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) told a House Space Subcommittee during a hearing on the agency's fiscal 1983 budget proposal. Weiss said that last year NASA had signed up 41 new customers who will pay to have their satellites launched by either the shuttle or expendable rockets, which gradually will be phased out as more shuttles come on line.

He unveiled a shuttle launch schedule of 70 flights planned through September, 1987, with most of the flights carrying more than one payload. Communications satellites lead the list, followed by secret Defense Department payloads, scientific packages and the

European-built Spacelab.

Maj. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, head of NASA's space transportation systems office, said that by 1986 the agency plans to launch 24 manned shuttles a year.

"Four orbiters possibly could provide that launch rate," he said. "But the practical way to run such a program is to have excess capacity." Abrahamson said there will be times when one of the four will have to be taken off line for repairs or refurbishment, and that an accident could thoroughly disrupt the launch schedule. He predicted that once the shuttle begins flying operational missions and demonstrates its capability that there will be a greater demand for its services.

NASA has begun discussions on the need for a fifth shuttle, and the agency is seeking support from Congress. The first shuttle, the *Columbia*, is being readied at Cape Canaveral, Florida, for its third test flight, a seven-day mission scheduled to start March 22. Its fourth and final trial is set for July 7, and Nov. 11 it is to make its first commercial flight, carrying a pair of communications satellites into orbit.

The second shuttle, *Challenger*, is to be delivered to Cape Canaveral in June, with its maiden voyage set for next January. *Discovery* is to be ready in September, 1983, and *Atlantis* in December, 1984.

NASA had hoped that *Columbia*'s next flight would be the final one to return to earth on the wide open dry lake bed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, with subsequent missions landing at a 15,000-foot runway near the Cape launch pad. But Abrahamson said Wednesday that the fourth flight also will land afterward to gain additional data on entry and landing characteristics.

He also said that on the fifth flight next November, one of the astronauts might make the first shuttle space walk, to test a jet-propelled back to maneuver through the sky.

## Double billing detected

### White House aide resigns

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — An aide to President Ronald Reagan abruptly resigned Wednesday after acknowledging that he twice submitted bills to both the White House and Republican National Committee for the same trips and accepted a low-interest mortgage from Laurence Rockefeller and a California developer.

White House spokesman Larry Speaks said the resignation of the aide, Joseph Canzani, had been accepted. Canzani said the double billing had been an accident. He defended the loan as proper.

However, he said, President Ronald Reagan and his top aides "have more to do and worry about around here than worry about Joe Canzani. If the president has to take five minutes out of his day to be concerned about this, it isn't right."

Canzani, whose office was only steps away from the Oval Office, was a little-known presidential assistant who handled the details of White House ceremonies and presidential travel. A longtime aide to the late Nelson A. Rockefeller, Canzani joined Reagan during the 1980 presidential campaign. "No one in the administration has advised or encouraged me to step aside," Canzani said in a resignation letter to Reagan, "but I do so believe it is in the best interest of you and your administration."

Although Canzani was not accused of any wrongdoing, colleagues had said in advance

that he might resign to avoid any embarrassment to the president.

*The New York Times* said Wednesday that Canzani accepted loans totaling \$400,000 to purchase and renovate a three-story town house in the fashionable Georgetown section of Washington.

One of the loans, from Laurence Rockefeller, brother of the late vice president, was for \$200,000 at an interest rate of 9 percent on terms that do not require current repayments. Canzani also borrowed \$200,000 from Donald M. Koll, president of Koll Co., a real estate firm in Newport Beach, California, at 12 percent interest. The terms do not require any repayment of principal until the loan comes due in July 1985. Canzani pays \$2,000 monthly in interest.

In addition, Canzani volunteered that he twice billed the White House and Republican National Committee for travel expenses when only one or the other should have been charged. When the double-billing turned up in a routine audit, Canzani said, he immediately reimbursed the White House.

Canzani said the total error amounted to "\$700 and change." He said one of the double billings occurred as he returned from a trip to San Diego shortly after Reagan was shot last March 30, and the other when he submitted an expense account during a brief stopover in Washington between two foreign trips.

### Joint conference of Koreans urged

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (AP) — The North Korean committee for the peaceful reunification of the fatherland has called for a joint conference of 100 politicians and dissident figures, including South Korean political prisoner Kim Dae-Jung, to discuss reunification proposals.

The committee's statement, issued Wednesday, was broadcast by the official North Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo Thursday. It charged that South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan's recent proposal for a joint constitution and widespread elections was an attempt to permanently divide the peninsula.

"The present South Korean ruler has lost in fact his political and moral rights and capacity to turn out to the table of negotiation," it said. It proposed that 50 politicians from the south and 50 from the north participate in a joint conference to discuss all the unification proposals, including North Korean President Kim Il-Sung's call for a confederate state.

Kim would take part in the conference along with other North Korean politicians and Han Dok Su of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, it said.

The south would be represented by dissident leader Kim Dae-Jung, who is serving a life term on treason charges, Yun Po-San, former president of South Korea; Kim Chi-Ha, dissident poet; Kim Jong Pil, former head of the old pro-government Democratic Republican Party; and Kim Yong Sam, former head of the old opposition new Democratic Party.

The committee called on the South Korean government to set free Kim Dae-Jung and other political figures and to "ensure all the necessary conditions for their participation in the conference."

The committee, claiming that "South Korean rulers have sacrificed the national interests for the aggressive aims of outside forces," said the presence of U.S. forces in the south is the "basic obstacle to reunification."

It said the South Korean president is "kicking up the row of anti-Communism and confrontation against us and aggravating the situation by taking such large-scale war exercises as 'Team Spirit 82' with the U.S. imperialist aggression forces."

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INSPECTION: Prince Philip, president of the World Wildlife Fund, inspects the shallows of the north Frisian coast of Schleswig-Holstein where wide areas are planned to be diked. Environmentalists are against these plans because of a danger for a lot of animals who live in the shallows.

### With new guns

## Canadians to kill seals

TORONTO, Feb. 11 (AP) — The controversial late-winter practice of killing seal pups for their pelts along Canada's eastern coastline will go on — but after this year, the hunters will exchange their clubs for a pistol.

From 1983, a special gun developed after years of trial and research would be used to cull the seal pups. Tom Hughes, director of the Ontario Wildlife Protection Society, announced here Wednesday.

Hughes, who is also a member of an independent committee appointed by the government to study the seal slaughter, said the animals would be shot in the head and killed instantly. The gun would be ineffective if used at a distance of more than one yard (91 centimeters), he said. Hughes said the gun had taken time to develop because it had to be cheap, light, frost-resistant and easy for a hunter wearing mittens to load.

Meanwhile, Patrick Moore, head of the Canadian section of Greenpeace — an international environmental and wildlife protection movement — said the changeover from club to gun was a maneuver to divert attention from the hunt, and could not change the moral problem posed by the massive killings of baby seals.

The hunt is scheduled to open on March 1 in the Gulf of the Saint Lawrence River, and

on March 10 off Newfoundland. This year's quota has been raised by 20,000, which means that about 200,000 seal pups could be killed for their pelts.

The seal hunt leads to dozens of demonstrations every year. Protesters have often tried to impede the hunts, leading to clashes between demonstrators and hunters. The demonstrators have protested the size of the hunt and what they have termed the barbarity of the methods used to kill the seals.

The hunters, meanwhile, have said the killings are necessary to alleviate regional unemployment, which averages 20 percent in a region that is blocked by snow and ice from November to May, and where fishing — the only major economic activity — can take place only during the short summer.

The opponents have said that the club causes suffering to the young seals. The fishermen have replied by citing the Canadian government, which has said U.S. studies showed that a blow to a baby seal's head knocks it out instantly. They have also said that the estimated 1.3 million seals in the region eat 1.5 tons of fish every year, about three times the amount taken by Canadian fishermen. This, they said, could deplete certain species of fish.

## For perjury about doctorate

### New York psychologist fined

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — Dr. Milton V. Kline, a psychologist who examined John Lennon's killer and was retained in other well-publicized criminal cases, was fined \$5,000 Wednesday for lying in court about his credentials.

"I'm truly sorry for you, Mr. Kline," acting justice Milton Williams told the 58-year-old psychologist as he sentenced him for perjury in state supreme court. "It seems you have been a person who has been in a charade for a number of years."

Kline pleaded guilty in December to one count of second-degree perjury, which carries a maximum four-year prison sentence, as well as the possibility of fines or probation. Williams indicated at the time that he would not sentence Kline to a jail term. Kline had admitted that he lied at a hearing Nov.

Outside court Kline said he had two doctoral degrees from International Graduate University in Switzerland and another degree from the now-defunct Western University in California. Kline has been recognized as an authority on clinical hypnosis, according to the prosecutor's office. He worked on the case of Mark David Chapman, who pleaded guilty to killing John Lennon, and was also associated with a major Florida murder case.

The two top Country-Western singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (2) Lord, I Hope This Day Is Good — Do Williams.
- (3) Only One You — T.G. Sheppard.
- (5) Watchin' Girls Go By — Ronnie McDowell.
- (6) Shine — Waylon Jennings.
- (9) Looney Nights — Mickey Gilley.
- (9) You're the Best Break This Old Heart Ever Had — Ed Bruce.
- (8) Someone Could Lose a Heart Tonight — Eddie Rabbitt.
- (8) I Just Came Home To Count the Memories — John Anderson.
- (9) Mountain of Love — Charley Pride.
- (10) Do Me With Love — Janie Fricke.
- (12) Easier Said Than Done — Skakata.

In pop record charts

## 'Centerfold' holds spotlight for third week

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — "Centerfold" held the spotlight again Wednesday, keeping the J. Geils Band at the top of the U.S. pop record charts for the third week in a row.

Daryl Hall and John Oates stayed on for a third week in second place in the *Cashbox* magazine chart with "I Can't Go For That," and it was week's No. 3 in third place for Olivia Newton-John's "Physical." New to the top pop list were "Sweet Dreams" by Air Supply, up from 12th to 9th, and "Leader of the Band" by Dan Fogelberg, up from 13th to 10th.

As for the Country and Western singles, Daryl Williams took over the No. 1 spot in the *Cashbox* magazine chart with "Lord, I Hope This Day Is Good." T.G. Sheppard's "Only One You" was second, and Ronnie McDowell's "Watchin' Girls Go By" was third.

The ten top pop singles, rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Centerfold — The J. Geils Band.
- (2) I Can't Go For That — Daryl Hall and John Oates.
- (3) Physical — Olivia Newton-John.
- (4) Harden My Heart — Quarterflash.
- (5) Shake It Up — The Cars.

In pop record charts

## Varying weekends hit Malaysian government work

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 11 (AP) — Every Thursday, five of Malaysia's 13 states start their weekend at noon. But political observers in Kuala Lumpur say the issue of weekends is so touchy that his government would not try to impose common weekend on the country.

Most offices and some businesses in the states of Johore, Perlis, Kelantan and Trengganu stop work at midday Thursday and observe the Friday weekend. The rest of the country works a half day Saturday and Sunday, although federal offices can be very quiet on these days.

Efforts to establish a common weekend for the entire country are no nearer success than when they started years ago. The latest was a committee formed after it was decided to put the entire country in one time zone. This change was accomplished Jan. 1 by moving the clocks in Peninsula Malaysia ahead by half an hour to conform with the states of Sabah and Sarawak across the South China Sea in Northern Borneo.

The time change slipped easily into place and neighboring Singapore made the same switch. But the committee to standardize weekends could not come to an agreement. Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Muhammad

said this week.

Mahathir has proved a forceful administrator since becoming prime minister last July. But political observers in Kuala Lumpur say the issue of weekends is so touchy that his government would not try to impose common weekend on the country.

In practice, this means there are only three full working days common to all the states, a situation that federal officials concede does not help government efficiency.

Schools in the five states close all day Thursday and Friday, but some banks have Thursday-Friday off while others shut their doors on Saturday and Sunday, causing

## To redress imbalance Minuteman missiles to get more N-warheads

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — The U.S. Air Force disclosed Wednesday increases by 100 the number of nuclear warheads poised on its land-based Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Force.

The increase will come through replacing 50 single-warhead Minuteman II missiles with an equal number of triple-warhead Minuteman III weapons. When the replacement is completed, officials said, the air force will have 600 Minuteman III missiles carrying 1,800 warheads in firing positions along with 400 Minuteman II weapons. The air force did not say where the 50 replacements will be installed, nor did it say when, although it indicated the action will come either this year or next.

"Deployment of 50 Minuteman III missiles in silos currently housing the Minuteman II provide for near-term modernization of the ICBM forces," the air force said. "This conversion demonstrates our resolve to redress the imbalance in U.S. and Soviet nuclear capabilities."

The replacement plans were included in a number of changes announced by the air force. It said that the new air-launched Cruise missile will be placed on B-52H bombers as well as earlier-model B-52Gs. The net effect, air force officials said, will be to increase the number of B-52s assigned to carry the air-launched cruise missile by 19 planes, from 172 to 201.

Meanwhile, air force officials said the projected number of air-launched Cruise missiles planned for eventual deployment is being raised by about 600 to a total of more than 4,000. Equipment of the first full squadron of B-52s with air-launched Cruise missiles will be completed by next December. These missiles, which will hang under the wings of B-52s, are like small pilotless missiles.

Reagan has rejected this option, which has been widely opposed as being too costly. He decided to produce only 100 of the weapons, and to base 40 of them temporarily in existing Titan II silos. But the government last December announced that Minuteman missile silos would be used instead.

### In Dominican plot

## Canada's Klan leader held

TORONTO, Feb. 11 (AP) — Police arrested the youthful leader of the Caodiao Ku Klux Klan Wednesday and charged him with conspiracy in an alleged plot to overthrow the government of the tiny Caribbean island of Dominica.

The arrests of 23-year-old James A. McQuirter and another Toronto-area man, Charles Yanover, 36, were the latest in a series that began last April 27 when U.S. authorities seized 10 men as they allegedly were about to set out by sea from a Louisiana marina to invade Dominica. Nine of the 10, most of them American and Canadian members of the white-supremacist Klan organization, pleaded guilty or were convicted of conspiracy charges in New Orleans U.S. District Court last year and were sentenced to prison, terms, mostly of three years.

The Dominican government of Prime Minister Eugenia Charles says a former prime minister, Patrick John, had hired the alleged plotters in a bid to regain power on the 750 square-kilometer island, midway down the West Indies chain. Its population of 70,000 is mostly black.

After the Louisiana arrests, John and three members of his Dominican Labor Party were jailed on the island. Last Dec. 19, small groups of armed men unsuccessfully attacked Dominica's police headquarters and central prison in what the authorities there described as a follow-up coup attempt and effort to free John.

Three persons were killed and 10 others were injured.

### On Soviet fighters

## Castro denies U.S. charge

HAVANA, Feb. 11 (R) — Cuban President Fidel Castro has denied that Cuba had recently taken delivery of offensive jet fighters from the Soviet Union.

He told the opening session of the 10th World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) congress that there was no truth in U.S. media reports that the planes were of an "offensive nature" and therefore violated the U.S.-Soviet agreement which followed the October 1962 missile crisis. "Cuba has not received planes different from those it has been receiving for years — all of them of a tactical and none of them of a strategic nature," he told the delegates.

President Castro called the accusation a "heavy-handed, crude and cynical pretext to justify cowardly aggressions (against Cuba)."

About 900 trade union delegates from 152 countries are attending the congress. President Castro said the responsibility for the current growth of international tensions "rests fully on the present U.S. administration and some of its allies" and U.S. "irrational attempts to replace a policy of detente by the true zero option that mankind demands."

Castro said that "thousands of workers, peasants, intellectuals, women and even children in El Salvador and Guatemala have become victims of repulsive tyrannies, shamelessly armed and bolstered by U.S. imperialism."

**SCHLADMING, Austria.** Feb. 11 (LAT) — The Downhill racer, in his skin-tight suit and crash helmet, leans forward in the starting shack and strains to see through his goggles as far as he can down the steep, frozen track on the slopes above this village. The timing clock is at zero. In about two minutes, if all goes well, he will be 2.2 miles away and 3,320 feet lower than where he now stands.

With contoured ski-poles planted, he awaits the signal that will send him through the timing wand, hurtling across the snow at an average speed on more than 65 m.p.h. either to win or lose by perhaps mere hundredths of a second.

In those tense, final moments before starting, what is the Downhill racer thinking about? Is he trying to remember the best line and where to pre-jump the bumps on the course, or is he gripped by fear?

Ask competitors here for the World Championships that question, and most, if not all, will deny any presence of fear.

Doug Powell, the United States' No. 1 Downhill racer, said, "I've never had the feeling that a course was too dangerous or that I didn't want to race. I'm usually pretty confident at the start. I don't worry about it. I just try to ski aggressively but under control. If you start holding back, you're in trouble. I like to get to know the course during training the week before. This gives me a good feeling and a positive attitude that I'm in control."

Earlier this season, at Kitzbuhel, one of Powell's skis came off while he was going 60 m.p.h. in a training run for Halenkuam Downhill. "I crashed into the nets and hit a pole," he said. Fortunately, he added, "I

was just black and blue the next day." Powell also had to have his left knee reconstructed by the late Dr. John Marshall in early 1979.

The main thing for a Downhillier is to keep healthy," he said from personal experience. "Injuries play a big part. Those who fall a lot usually don't stay around long. You've got to be a good enough skier to avoid falling very often."



Ingemar Stenmark... apathy for Downhill

Another racer who did not compete Saturday in the most important Downhill race since the 1980 Winter Olympics was Phil Mahre, who has all but clinched his second straight World Cup. He is only a

part-time Downhillier who specializes in the more technical — and less dangerous — Slalom and Giant Slalom events.

Mahre, 24, of Yakima, Wash., doesn't hesitate to enter a Downhill if it is part of a combination (with a Slalom or Giant Slalom) that will gain him bonus World Cup points. There have been three such Downhills this season, and Mahre raced in all of them, picking up first-place points in all three combined events. He even acquired two Downhill points by placing 14th at Kitzbuhel last month.

"I'm always confident just before a Downhill," Mahre said. "I'm never scared. If I were, I wouldn't race Downhill. I couldn't concentrate or be aggressive. I'd fall or make mistakes. If you think of all the things that could go wrong on the course, you're halfway there to having them happen." Mahre's readiness to ski Downhill is what gave him the 266-260 edge he needed to win the World Cup last season over Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, had more victories in Slaloms and Giant Slaloms.

And what about Stenmark? Why doesn't he enter a Downhill if it would give him combined points and enable him to nullify Mahre's advantage? There have been

murmurs that Stenmark lacks courage, but both Phil Mahre and his twin brother, Steve, are quick to defend their Swedish rival.

"Stenmark grew up in northern Sweden," Steve Mahre said. "Where they only have tiny hills. He never had the opportunity to ski a long Downhill. We can a lot of them as kids in the northwest, and they're easier for us." Phil added: "The one Downhill Stenmark entered, last year at Kitzbuhel, is the most difficult on the circuit. I think he just doesn't like to enter any race he figures he can't win, especially if there's a risk of being injured."

Because so few racers go in both Downhill and the Slalom races, Stenmark scored 15 combined points despite his slow time, but he hasn't tried it again. "Even before I got to Kitzbuhel," Stenmark said in an interview with skiing magazine, "I knew this was a one-shot effort. I hadn't changed my mind about Downhill being too dangerous for me ... it is not possible to train for all three Alpine disciplines in the same season. Therefore, it is not possible to win in all three in the same season."

Three years ago, Stenmark first toyed with the idea of skiing Downhill during

summer training on the glacier at Val Senales, Italy, but he took a nasty spill that sidelined him for several weeks. "In the back of Ingemar's mind, he probably has some hesitation about Downhill because of that fall," said Doug Powell of the U.S.

Powell, who like many Downhillers is short but solidly built at 5-5 and 160 pounds, has a definite opinion on why he



Phil Mahre... ready for anything

U.S. men are not in the same league as the Canadians, Austrians and Swiss in the premier event of Alpine skiing, the Downhill. It has nothing to do with fear, he said.

"The big problem is that ski coaches back

home, below the national level, don't know anything about the Downhill as it is run here in Europe. They just tell a kid to get out there, put his head between his knees and go as fast as he can. Then the kid falls at 60 m.p.h., and the chances are he'll be injured so often he'll never have a chance to mature into a good Downhillier."

The U.S. development program needs more European coaches who will provide the kind of Downhill training that only the national team, with several European assistant coaches, receives now, Powell said. "There's more to Downhill than just gliding. To win, you have to be a good skier, too. You have to be able to make a difficult turn while going into a compression and still keep your speed. American kids coming over here now wind up just trying to survive."

"Now, all the top Downhillers are in better condition than in the old days. And the new technique is to stay in a more controlled upper body position, straighten the outside leg, keep on edge and use more hip to angulate the ski. The training is also more specialized. Last fall, we concentrated just on gliding at Laax (Switzerland), then worked on nothing but turns at Hinterux (Austria). Finally, at Oberstaufen (West Germany), we put it all together."

"The changes have been even bigger in equipment, especially as a result of constant testing of skis and wax. In one year, as a result, the winning time at Kitzbuhel has dropped from 2:03 to 1:57.2." The Canadian team already has accomplished what Powell has in mind for the U.S. in Downhill, but in an even more specialized manner.

### As Portland blazes victory trail

## Cavaliers display cavalier attitude

**NEW YORK.** Feb. 11 (AP) — Professional Basketball is a 48-minute game. The Cleveland Cavaliers fell 34 minutes short Wednesday night.

"We played brilliant basketball for 14 minutes, then went downhill," Cavaliers coach Chuck Daly said after Cleveland squandered an early 20-point lead and lost 105-91 to the Portland Trail Blazers. Calvin Natt scored 20 of his game-high 24 points in the second half for Portland.

What had been a 41-21 lead with 8:20 to go in the second quarter was cut to a 47-39 lead at the half. Portland went ahead to stay 65-63 with 2:20 remaining in the third quarter and coasted to its sixth victory in seven games while dropping the Cavalier's record, the worst in the NBA, to 11-36.

**Philadelphia 76ers 102, Indiana Pacers 96:** Philadelphia's lead was trimmed from 10 points in the second-half to 94-93 with two minutes to go. Then Steve Mix sank the last of his field goals in the fourth period (he had 15 of his 21 points in the quarter) and Julius Erving hit a shot for the final two of his game-high 23 points to help the 76ers pull away from Indiana and post their fourth consecutive victory. Billy Knight led Indiana with 19 points, 12 in the second quarter.

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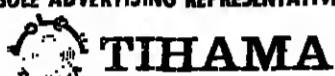
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## MADRID CONFERENCE

The foreign ministers of the countries attending the Madrid conference on the Helsinki accords have spoken and heard enough to make them reflect on the predictable futility of their efforts.

The foreign ministers of the Western countries stood in turn to denounce the developments in Poland, demanding an end to military rule and accusing the Soviet Union of having instigated it. They waxed lyrical at the demise of human rights for the Polish people, and all but wept with pity for the country's plight.

They were answered by the Soviet deputy foreign minister who said that the American secretary of state should tell the conference of the "happy" outcome of his country's many instances of intervention in Latin America.

Temper ran high as the issues involved were very sensitive. Each of the contending sides however lived in a house made of the most fragile glass, and the crash of broken panes was deafening. In the end, everyone knows that nothing concrete will come out of the exchanges, that the issues dealt with in the original Helsinki meeting, issues of disarmament, security and human rights, will not be advanced one jot through such exercises.

The fact is that both superpowers are guilty of intervention in the internal affairs of many smaller nations and of either committing aggression — Afghanistan in the case of the Soviet Union — or of supporting long-term aggression and occupation as in the case of the U.S. in the Middle East. Israel occupies lands in four Arab states, confiscates Arab land in Palestine and brings in loads of European Jews to settle in Arab lands because of the massive and continuous aid given to it by the U.S.

Besides, the two superpowers appear to have varying interpretations of human rights, justice and freedom, depending on the situations as well as their own national interests.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Thursday's newspapers commented on the upcoming conference of the Arab foreign ministers scheduled to start in Tunis Friday for taking the necessary measures ensuring the implementation of the U.N. General Assembly sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

*Al-Madina* stressed the great importance attached to the meeting to put the U.N. punitive measures against the Zionist entity into effect. "The time is ripe for the Arab press to intensify its campaign for freeing the world public opinion from the brain-washing it has been subject to by misleading Israeli campaigns," it said.

*Al-Bilad* highlighted the leading and pioneering role being played by Saudi Arabia in defending and backing Arab and Islamic issues. "This supports stems from the Kingdom's good relations with the peace-loving countries all over the world and its economic and political weight in the international community," the paper said.

*Al-Riyadh* said the Arab nation is a peace-loving nation "but at the same time has a good command for defending its independence, sovereignty and wealth against any foreign interference or imperialistic ambitions." (SPA)



## Spanish government gets reprieve

By William Cemlyn-Jones

**MADRID** — The Spanish government has been granted a reprieve. Only two weeks ago it seemed likely that Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo would be forced to call an early general election because of the increasing number of defections from his centrist UCD coalition party.

Several right-of-center members had deserted and become allies of the conservative Popular Alliance leader Manuel Fraga. The biggest breakaway group consisted of the social democrats, whose Democratic Action Party left last autumn but whose 10 members have not yet been permitted to fight an election as an independent party.

There is little doubt that the government's position is critical. It faces grave problems and is unlikely to survive its full term of office which expires next year. While the UCD will be a working majority in the chamber of deputies, it has almost certainly lost the support of the country. The premier lacks the personality and charm needed to rally the people or his party.

The UCD was always a loosely knit centrist coalition which included hard-line conservatives and social democrats. It had a healthy majority of 165 of the 350 deputies after the last general election but after the recent defections it now has only 151 supporters in the House.

The Socialist opposition (PSOE) has 118, the Communists 22. There are seven Basque nationalists, seven Andalusians, nine Catalans and 13 of Fraga's rightist group. The remaining 22 deputies (there is one vacant seat) are called "the mixed group" presumably because the only thing they have in common is that they are elected representatives.

They include for the moment the social democrats as well as the only fascist in the Cortes, Blas Pinar, the elderly *caudillo* of the Fuerza Nueva Party. The Communist Party is also bitterly divided.

The old Stalinists never accepted Santiago Carrillo's democratic Marxist line and now the young reformers have rebelled against him. The pact between the Socialists and the Communist parties, which achieved a triumphant victory in the last municipal elections, has been broken in Madrid and its future throughout the peninsula is in peril.

The government has been saved not by its friends but by its enemies and critics. The most bitter opponent of a premature parliamentary election is Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez. Virtually all the Left, liberals and social democrats alike, agree that early elections would be disastrous at a time when the extreme Right is making probably its last desperate attempt to overthrow democracy.

The rebel officers who took part in the frustrated coup d'etat of Feb. 23 last year will be tried for military rebellion early in March. The court martial is expected to last about six weeks and the government seems more nervous about the verdict and the sentences than the still defiant defendants. Their trial is important for the survival of the democratic process and until the guilty officers — guilty by their own arrogant admission — are sentenced, a general election is out of the question.

There appears to be a closing of the ranks among Spanish democrats, a tacit agreement between conservatives and Communists not to rock the democratic ship of state while the constitution is being threatened. Gonzalez, supported by Santiago Carrillo, has started that if he comes to power his party would not nationalize all industries. This suggests that the Left is not anxious to upset the conservative middle-class.

Some conservative, liberal and social democratic defectors from the UCD have recently stated that they will in principle support the government as independents reserving their right to oppose the government on certain issues. (ONS)

## How Palestinians live under Israeli occupation

By Cynthia Shanley  
Houston Bureau

In the midst of debates over the Palestinian issue, one simple fact is often overlooked, and that is that at the center are people — families — living now for 15 years under strict rules of military occupation whose voices seldom are heard. So began the ABC 20/20 report last week. Reporter Tom Bell and a 20/20 crew traveled to the occupied West Bank to document what life is like for those Palestinian Arabs.

20/20, which has come under attack in the past for its one-sided reporting of the Arab-Israeli conflict — often showing only the Israeli side — was quick to point out that while an effort was made to present both sides in this report. The Israeli government refused to provide an official spokesman to appear on camera and talk about the issues raised, about life under occupation since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The Israelis claim that their occupation has brought prosperity to the West Bank. But it is also true, according to Bell, that the Palestinians would trade any or all of it for their freedom and for a nation they can call their own. "That, however, seems less and less likely under view of the network of permanent Israeli settlements expanding on the West Bank," he said. "Those settlements have been denounced as illegal by the U.N., but they're getting bigger everyday."

A Palestinian farmer was interviewed with a backdrop of Israeli bulldozers ravaging his land in the distance. Through a translator, the farmer said, "Why did you come to bulldoze my land and my olive trees? These olive trees are mine. I feed my children bread from them. You occupied my land. This is my land, I own it."

Palestinians say that such territorial expansion is typical of a quiet kind of war the Israelis have waged over 14 years of occupation. The goal, they believe, is to drive the Palestinians off the land.

Says one Palestinian economist who has been fighting a losing battle for years against the growth of the Israeli settlements, "And if this process is allowed to continue, that is, more settlements, more land confiscation, we expect up to 70 percent of the

land of the West Bank will be totally under Israeli control." Indeed, a map drawn up by the Israeli Defense Ministry which shows what areas it wants to control for security purposes is "just about all of the West Bank," said Bell.

There are now 24,000 settlers on the West Bank compared with 4,000 four years ago. Officials of the World Zionist Organization say they hope to have 100,000 settlers by 1985. Although the Palestinians have lived here for generations, few have clear title to the land. Therefore, the Israeli military authorities simply declare vast areas to be public land, available for Jewish settlements. It's what the Palestinians call a "legal trick."

One Palestinian, watching the bulldozers on his land was quoted as saying, "That land is mine, I have the title. Everytime I see the bulldozer working it's as if it's carving my body, it's bulldozing me."

The farmer said he is fighting the Israeli land takeover in an Israeli court. Nonetheless, the bulldozers continue their work. Another Palestinian said, "We are witnessing, in my opinion, the final steps of the liquidation of Palestine. And it's being done acre after acre."

The Israelis have used the 30 years of conflict with Arab states to build more and bigger settlements — settlements that are built to be permanent. Their argument is that the West Bank is "vital to Israeli security."

What military occupation means for Palestinians, said the report, is "day-to-day restriction and harassment for Palestinians."

For example, cars with Israeli license plates simply ignore security checkpoints, but a West Banker can lose time, money and patience waiting to explain where he is going and why.

"The Israelis say it is all necessary because of 'terrorism' that's a fact of life on the West Bank," 20/20 reported. But Palestinians charge that it's frequently the army which escalates the violence and that the occupying soldiers are sometimes trigger happy. They point to the example of a demonstration by Palestinian high school girls in Ramallah in 1980 that ended in bloodshed when Israeli troops opened fire. Four demonstrators were wounded. The military government claims that rock throwing provoked the soldiers to open fire.

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Unlike the other simple tribal villages in the area, Baan Hin Taek has a school, a 100-bed hospital, an electricity generating plant, an ice machine, and a printing works all financed by the war lord. He has installed a swimming pool and a 20-inch video in his own house and has two other houses in Thailand's hill resort, Chiang Mai, and in Bangkok. He educates his 12 children at foreign schools and has a 24-year-old son and a 21-year-old daughter studying in Britain. He also has several illegitimate children.

Thailand's opium war followed a visit by Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila to Burma where joint anti-narcotics action was discussed. The opium war may also have been the result of international pressure. Opium production in the Golden Triangle reached a record 600 tons last year and Western experts working with the Thai Narcotics Control Board have become increasingly frustrated over the failure of recent attempts to root out poppy fields and start crop substitution programs.

Strict policing methods have had little effect on trafficking involving Chinese syndicates throughout Asia and international drug rings. Two heroin seizures were made in Bangkok last year of 50 kilos. Each was worth about \$200 million on the foreign market. More than 300 foreigners are in Thai jails on drug smuggling charges.

Stone throwing by Arab youth at the authorities in the occupied territories is fairly common, said Bell. But it was on a winding road of Bethlehem that the toss of a single stone at a military jeep led to "one of the most incredible examples of retaliation by the military authorities against one family."

A 17-year-old boy threw the stone and then spent six months in the hospital after being beaten by Israeli soldiers with their guns. His father was put in jail. His sister was fired from her teaching job in a government school. The entire family was forcibly moved out of their home by Israeli troops and taken to an abandoned refugee camp in the desert outside of Jericho. The refugee camp was a ghost town of mud huts — no windows, no doors, inhabited primarily by scorpions and snakes.

The family spent eight days there and would have been there indefinitely had it not been for heavy news coverage that forced the military government to end their persecution of the family.

Demolished houses are another example of collective punishment on the West Bank. The action is taken against families whose only offense is being related to Arab youth suspected of throwing Molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles. "Reprisals like this one are often taken — against families or a whole village — because of the actions of one person. But the protests continue and so do the arrests which are easy and routine under occupation. By one Israeli estimate, as many as 200,000 arrests have been made on the West Bank and Gaza since the occupation began."

And those who are arrested can go to jail for a long time without being charged, under what is called administrative detention. One Palestinian physicist spent 45 months in jail without charge.

West Bankers can go to jail for such things as singing songs about Palestinian patriotism. The Israelis say any expression of Palestinian nationalism is a threat to security. But West Bankers say there is a systematic effort to stamp out their political and cultural identity.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Friday, Feb. 12th, the 43rd day of 1982. There are 322 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1554 — Lady Jane Grey is executed for treason in England.

1610 — France's King Henri IV signs alliance with German Protestant Union.

1689 — Declaration of rights in England, in which William and Mary are proclaimed king and queen for life.

1736 — Nadir Shah becomes king of Persia.

1818 — Independence of Chile is proclaimed in Sandiego.

1887 — Britain and Italy agree to maintain status quo in the Mediterranean.

1899 — Germany buys Pacific islands of Mariana, Caroline and Pelew from Spain.

1912 — Manchu dynasty abdicates in China

## Polygamy: a social solution

By Adil Salahi

In our discussion of polygamy last week we had to defer our evaluation of it, as practised in Islam, confining our discussion to the conditions that have to be observed in order to lessen its undesirable effects and make it a sound system. Perhaps it is useful to start our present discussion by a statement of the fact that, contrary to the widely held notion, Islam is not the only religion which makes polygamy permissible. Other religions recognize that it could provide the best solution for certain social problems which are very real indeed.

The Islamic view with regard to polygamy derives from the fact that Islam adopts a highly serious concept of morality. Islam also recognizes that when it comes to legislation common situations should be given precedence over individual cases and the interests of the community have more weight than the interests of the individual.

What we have to recognize is that marriage is not a romantic relationship between two angels. It is a very human relationship which suffers from all the weaknesses of human beings and benefits from their points of strength. Within the context of reality we find that a lot of things can go wrong with this relationship for which polygamy may be the right answer.

Basically, however, the justification for polygamy is twofold: social and individual. On the social level the need for legalized polygamy is most apparent when women outnumber men. International data suggest that this is the case in peace time in most societies. The problem is even more acute in the periods which follow prolonged wars. Monogamy in such situations leave a section of the population with no decent means of satisfying basic physical and emotional needs. Such a situation will inevitably lead to a spread of vice.

Besides, if we are to ban polygamy how can we cater for those cases where

the woman cannot bear children or becomes ill or unable to fulfil her duties as a caring or loving wife? Are we to insist on divorce as a condition for a second marriage? We do not need to think hard in order to recognize the harm involved in such insistence. Most women would rather share their husbands with other women than lose them completely.

On the individual level there is a considerable difference between the needs of man and woman. A man of seventy years or more may be able to have children while the vast majority of women lose that ability at the age of forty-five. Again, during pregnancy and for a while after childbirth the woman cares much less for her sexual needs while the man's sexual urge remains in full vigor throughout the year.

In recognition of all these factors and what they may lead to Islam provides the perfect answer, namely, legal polygamy. Indeed, all societies recognize that strict monogamy does not meet all the social needs. They, however, seek to remedy the situation by either ignoring it or by far worse solutions. Today, the most 'progressive' and 'advanced' societies have legalized adultery which is bound to cause much harm to the people involved and to the society as a whole. After all, this sort of "solution" does not consider the interests of the other woman. It simply allows a man to take up a mistress but gives her and her children no rights whatsoever. The Islamic solution tackles the problem with all its aspects and looks after the interests of all parties as well as the interests of the society as a whole. It provides all the means which prevent the spread of vice because its social implications are very serious indeed.

There is no denial that no woman likes to share her husband with another wife, or that his marriage to another woman may cause her a lot of distress. Our contention, however, is that strict

monogamy is bound to produce much more distress all round. Legislation has always to consider the option which lessens distress to the minimum.

Legalized polygamy does not, by necessity, mean that every man will marry more than one wife. The natural

## Islam in perspective

### What the Qur'an teaches

*In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful*

*(On that day paradise will be brought within sight of the God-fearing, and will no longer be far away. (They will be told): "Here is all that you were promised. It is for everyone who was wont to turn unto Allah and to keep Him always in mind - everyone who stood in awe of the Merciful although He is beyond the reach of human perception, and who comes before Him with a contrite heart. Enter it in peace. This is the day on which life abiding begins." There they will have whatever they may desire but there is yet more with Us."*

*(QAF: 50, 31-5)*

proportion of men to women makes that impossible. In those societies where the number of men exceeds the number of women polygamy becomes virtually non-existent. Where the opposite case is true, polygamy is the perfect solution.

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*Could end unnecessary deaths*

## Stun-gun an alternative to use of lethal force, electric shock incapacitates violent criminals

By Freeman Gregory  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — A device that uses an electric shock to temporarily incapacitate violent individuals is appearing with increasing frequency in the arsenals of U.S. law enforcement agencies. Called the "Taser Gun," the weapon resembles a flashlight, but has a 50,000-volt punch that can knock a fully grown man on his back and keep him there for a short period of time.

Although developed for law enforcement use by a New York company more than five years ago, the Taser has not been popular among police until recently. This month, a south Texas sheriff's department became the first such agency in the state to purchase the weapon.

Galveston County Sheriff's Department (GCSO) Undersheriff Charles Wiley said that his department obtained the guns to provide patrolmen with a viable alternative to the shoot-to-kill approach in dealing with violent and potentially dangerous individuals. However, he emphasized that the electric guns should never be considered a replacement for an officer's sidearm.

"Contrary to what many people may believe, policemen do not like to kill," he said. "But, I never want to hear of an officer using a Taser to confront anyone who has a shotgun."

The gun produces the 50,000-volt jolt from electricity stored in a rechargeable cartridge. The energy cell is placed in a charging unit that can be plugged into an ordinary wall socket. A completely dead cell requires 48 hours to recharge, he said.

The Taser fires two darts that lodge in a person's skin or clothing. The darts are connected to the gun by copper wire, limiting the gun's effective range to 12 to 14 feet.

Once connected to the target, the darts form a circuit for the electricity produced by the gun. The current is controlled by depressing a switch at the rear of the weapon and will continue to flow until the operator releases the "trigger."

Wiley said that Galveston County Sheriff Joe Max Taylor used him as a target when he explained the weapon's uses to members of the sheriff's staff and the media.

Told to resist to the best of his abilities with a unloaded, .38-caliber pistol, Wiley said that he involuntarily folded and fell to the floor when the darts stuck in his back and leg. He said that it took him more than one



**TASER GUN:** Charles Wiley of the Galveston County, Texas, Sheriff's Department displays one of four Taser guns that his police agency recently purchased. This model features an antenna-like device that permits the gun's operator to apply 50,000 volts of electricity.

## German geriatric patients do woodwork, play ball at clinics

By Martin I Kisske

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN (INP) — For most people, to think of hospitals is to think of suffering patients in bed and over-worked nurses. So most people in the Federal Republic of Germany would look quizzical if told of a clinic where patients work with wood or play ball games and which has almost no beds.

But there is, indeed, such a clinic — the only geriatric day-clinic in the Federal Republic of Germany. This pilot project, launched in 1978 at the municipal hospital in the Hoechst suburb of Frankfurt, is financed by the federal state of Hessen. With 60 places, this special hospital is designed for elderly patients who, while having a variety of

ailments, are not in need of permanent attention.

Typical are cases of inflamed joints and cerebral circulation disruption — common afflictions in old age — but also diabetes and heart ailments. It's believed here that many patients bedridden in hospital with illnesses of this kind actually get worse for psychic reasons. Many doctors think that, for elderly people, passive lying in bed is dangerous. They recommend more physical activity.

At Hoechst, there are two doctors, five nurses, two physiotherapists, a masseur, a speech therapist and two occupational therapists. Each of the patients, who arrive at the clinic at 9 a.m. and remain until 5 p.m., receives an individual diet. They also have

massage, medicaments and physical exercise.

The motto is "rest and rest". There's also a workshop where patients work with wood and tools and most of the patients get so involved in the work that, in many cases, they forget their painful arthritis or other afflictions. Others, recovering from heart attacks, forget while participating in ball games that they had previously abandoned all hope of being able to lead a useful and active life.

Hoechst has an individual therapy for each patient, and mental re-activation plays a big part. In general, the "senior citizens" discover that, despite their debilities, they're still far from being consigned to the "scrap heap". Mental mobilization also re-stimulates physical strength. Because they can all go

home in the evenings, the patients do not have the feeling of being ill, as would be the case in a normal hospital. By acquiring a new sense of their own value, patients help along their own healing process.

There's another argument in favor of this day-clinic — care costs only 55 percent of that in a conventional clinic. Treatment in some cases is protracted, but still not so expensive. From the doctors' point of view, it's important that they have close links to the well-equipped municipal hospital for cases of emergency.

The positive experience gained with this facility has inspired Hessian authorities to set up more geriatric day-clinics in the state. There is a big demand and similar projects are being planned in other federal regions.

## Life of the Prophet — 45

### A fruitful mission

Mus'ab ibn Umar, the man sent by the Prophet to Madinah to educate its people in the principles and values of Islam and to teach them the Qur'an, was a dedicated worker with the right temperament to mix with strangers and invite them to adopt Islam as a religion and a way of life. He was also to assess the general situation in Madinah and the feasibility of an exodus of the Makkan Muslims to Madinah.

Mus'ab might also have had further instructions. It is noticeable that in the contacts that took place so far between the Prophet and the people of Madinah the tribe of Khazraj figured more prominently than the Aws. This is probably due to the fact that the first six who met the Prophet and accepted Islam belonged to the Khazraj. It was only natural that they would concentrate their efforts within their own tribe.

Hence it was not surprising that the twelve who entered into the covenant of support with the Prophet the following year included ten from the Khazraj and only two from the Aws. Hence, Mus'ab might have been instructed to try to redress this imbalance. The last thing the Prophet wanted was that Islam should contribute to the division among the people of Madinah. He was keen that Islam should be a unifying force.

Mus'ab stayed with As'ad ibn Zurarah, a Khazraj with immediate relatives from the Aws. As'ad supplied him with all the information he needed about the people of Madinah. We will give here one example of the main achievements made through their joint efforts.

One day As'ad took Mus'ab to an orchard which belonged to the clan of Abdul-Ashhal, a branch of the Aws tribe.

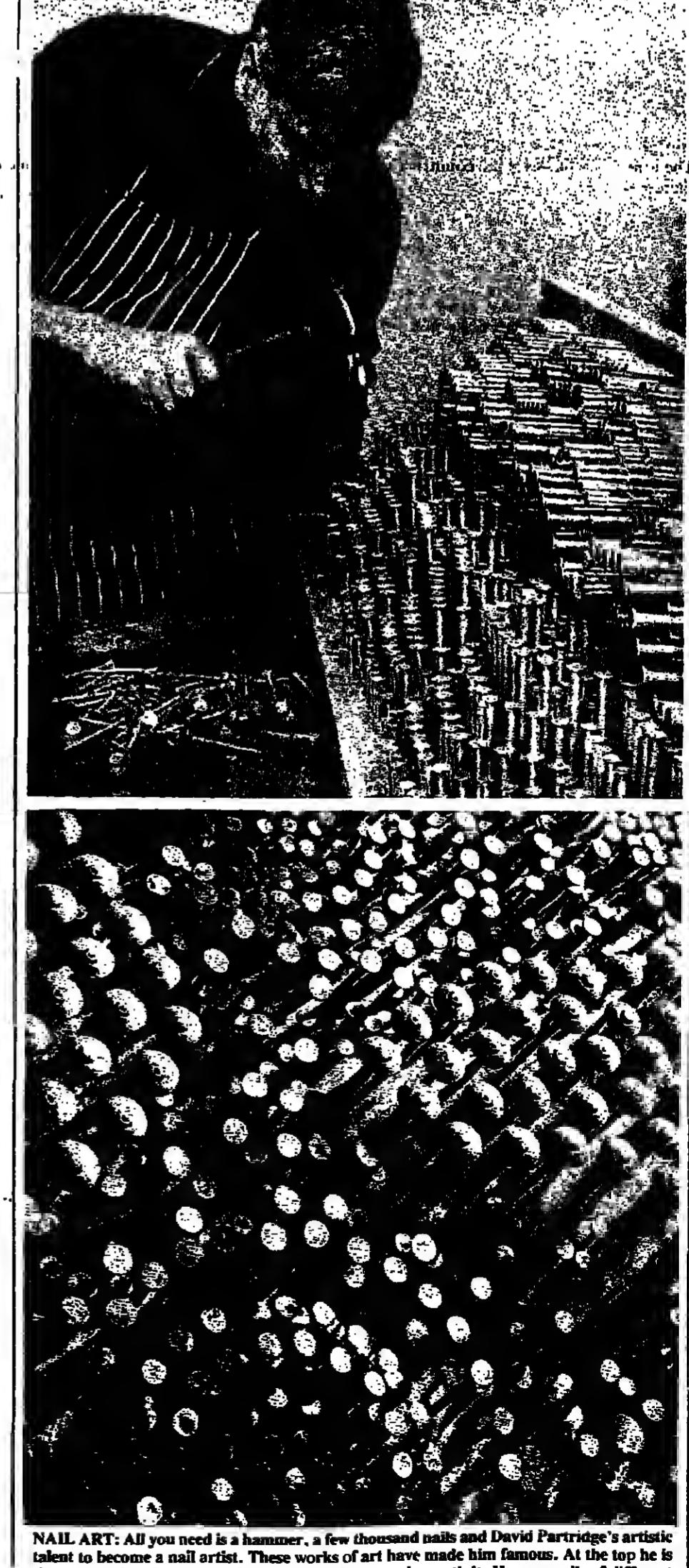
They were joined there by a few Muslims. Sa'ad ibn Mu'ath and Ussaid ibn Hudair, the two most prominent figures of that clan were still following the Arabian version of paganism. Learning about the presence of As'ad and Mus'ab, Sa'ad addressed Ussaid saying, "Go to these two men who have come here to spread their ideas among our simple people and tell them not to come to us again. Had As'ad not been my own cousin I would have spared you the trouble. As it is I feel somewhat uneasy about turning him away myself."

As Ussaid approached the two men As'ad said to Mus'ab: "This man is the chief of his people. Make a sincere effort with him." Mus'ab answered: "I will certainly try if he agrees to sit with us."

Going back to his people and joined by Ussaid he knew exactly what to do. He simply addressed his people, asking them: "What is your opinion of me?" They said: "you are our master and the wisest of our men." "Then take this from me," he said. "I forbid myself all communication with you all, men and women, until you believe in Allah and his messenger."

That very evening every man and woman of the Abdul-Ashhal clan became a Muslim.

*(To be continued next Friday)*



**NAIL ART:** All you need is a hammer, a few thousand nails and David Partridge's artistic talent to become a nail artist. These works of art have made him famous. At the top he is shown creating the work and a sample is shown underneath it. He uses nails of different sizes to form patterns in design and depth.

*Embargo ignored, fortunes made*

## Black market link with U.S. supports hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese

By Evan Maxwell

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — The road to Saigon's black market begins in the pharmacies and fabric shops of the Southern California community of Garden Grove, and in the grocery stores of Los Angeles' Chinatown. It is a link that keeps the United States and Vietnam inextricably entwined six years after the last shots of the Vietnam war were fired, a link that can still mean life or death for those here and there.

Each day, hundreds of parcels begin a long, haphazard and sometimes clandestine trip from refugee colonies, known as "Little Saigons" in Southern California and elsewhere in the country, to the place that once bore the same name, now called Ho Chi Minh City.

The packages weigh an average of 22 pounds (10 kilos) each, and, to claim exemption from a U.S. embargo on trade with Vietnam, each must bear a custom service export declaration indicating that it contains no more than \$200 worth of personal gifts.

In reality, however, the packages often contain a good deal more than the \$200 limit: sometimes, they represent a \$1,000 investment by refugees here, many of whom are on welfare or are working at low-paying jobs.

The packages may contain anything obtainable in Vietnam, from spark plugs to balloons; pens and guitar strings. But almost all packages contain two things: medicine and cloth.

### Most Sold Immediately

Most of the items are not intended for personal use — instead, the senders realize that the goods will be sold immediately into the Vietnamese black market, and the money used to buy extra rations of food and other necessities.

The packages amount to a massive, private and unofficial relief effort, one on which hundreds of thousands of people depend for their livelihood.

### Black Market Essential

The black market is a way of life among Vietnamese, so much so that refugees seem amazed at what are to them naive questions about the system. It pervades the personal, social, economic and political life of the

### Job interviews swamped

## Round Tower's janitor holds a prestige post

By Ole Duus

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — The apartment that goes with the job has a pleasant view of Copenhagen. But there are drawbacks. For one thing, the tenant must learn to ignore thousands of people clomping around on his roof. And some might find it less than appealing that a dash to the corner grocery means a 600-foot (182-meter) journey down, and then back up, a spiral rampway.

N nonetheless, more than 200 applicants are eager to move in and become resident janitor at Copenhagen's 340-year-old Round Tower — Rundetaarn in Danish — rising 100 feet (30 meters) over the heart of the city and one of its major tourist attractions.

At 69, Poul Soerensen has given notice that, after 14 years, he and his wife Grethe are retiring from the Rundetaarn job. So somebody else will have to sell tickets to 240,000 visitors a year, wash and sweep the 15-foot-wide (4½ meters) brick spiral rampway once a week and battle graffiti on the whitewashed walls.

The reward is the unique, rent-free four-room apartment high above the streets. On a clear day, the tenant can see as far away as Sweden across the Øresund Strait. There is also an annual salary of 120,000 kroner — \$15,800.

Even so, the board of the Round Tower — a self-governing institution — was astounded when 234 people of all ages and many professions applied for the job as guardian of the extraordinary building erected in 1642 by King Christian IV. The number is three times

refugee community.

The existence of the black market has given rise to rows of ramshackle pharmacies in the U.S. that sell only cheap polyester cloth and a half-dozen kinds of medicine — including esoteric tuberculosis remedies.

### Many Refugee Air Agents

And the package trade explains why there are dozens of air freight agents in the refugee community. Along Bolsa Avenue in suburban Orange County, south of Los Angeles, for example, grocery stores, tax accountants and herbal doctors all display placards in Vietnamese script and Chinese ideographs advertising firms like Air France or Hong Kong skylift.

"Packages are big business for the refugees," said Nguyen Cao Key, former premier and vice president of South Vietnam who now runs a store in Norwalk, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles.

"If you just take a conservative average of \$50 investment in packages each month by the 200,000 refugee families in the United States, you can see that fortunes are being made."

Extensive interviews among refugees, U.S. and United Nations refugee officials and relief workers all confirm Key's statement.

### A Sensitive Matter

Despite its prevalence among the Vietnamese refugees in the U.S., the package trade is a matter so sensitive that most refugees will not speak for quotation, they are fearful of retaliation against family members left behind.

Nonetheless, the interviews revealed a number of things about the package trade,

— Perhaps 95 percent of the refugees in this country regularly send packages to relatives in Vietnam. They do so out of a strong feeling of familial duty, and often despite the fear that they may be aiding a Communist regime most of them hate.

— The Vietnamese government appears now to condone the flow of packages, and may even be encouraging it as a means of obtaining what one expert calls "the brainwashing effect of consumer goods" in a hard-pressed economy.

— The United States government tolerates the flow of goods, on humanitarian grounds, despite an official trade embargo. However, the State Department denies suggestions by U.N. and other officials, that the United States and Vietnam have tacitly agreed to allow the package trade in return for Hanoi's cooperation in allowing continued emigration from Vietnam.

— The plight of Vietnamese refugees in the U.S. makes them easy marks for unscrupulous air freight operators. Thousands of packages have been stranded when such firms went bankrupt; other thousands, supposedly forwarded by air, actually end up going by ship, as often as not failing to arrive.

— Crime among the refugees ranging from welfare frauds to political assassinations appears to be linked to the package trade, according to investigators from several law-enforcement agencies.

— The package trade began almost as soon as the first refugees, expelled from their homeland, landed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in 1975. The new arrivals found a wide variety of American consumer goods they had already become familiar with during 15 years of war.

The refugees were still deeply involved in the daily realities of life at home, even if that home was now in the hands of their enemies.

In the beginning, since the United States had embargoed direct shipments to Vietnam, the packages had to go through a third country, usually Canada or France.

— By 1978, the State Department had begun to relax its embargo, allowing direct shipment of small, individual parcels so long as they contained only food, medicine and clothing. The embargo remains in effect, but it is widely ignored.

Reports from journalists and businessmen in Vietnam indicate that the nation's economy is a shambles. Manufactured goods are all but nonexistent; even medicine and usable cloth are in very short supply.

— The principal source of manufactured goods is said to be the package trade. Most refugees say they try to send at least four packages a year.

### Medicine Saves Lives

— First, there is always medicine, always," said a 28-year-old Vietnamese factory worker from Los Angeles. "Some people will not resell the medicine because they may need it to save their own lives.

— But if I send four bottles of aspirin, my mother will sell two of them to raise money for food."

Refugees say that virtually any kind of medicine is valuable in Vietnam, although antibiotics, fever remedies and stomach remedies are favored items.

### Prescriptions Unnecessary

The export of prescription medicine is a major business in the Vietnamese community, according to California pharmacy regulators. Under California law, pharmacists can handle such transactions without prescriptions, so long as the customer does not take delivery of the medicine himself.

One pharmacy in Garden Grove makes up packages for shipment to Vietnam that contains assortments of antibiotics and controlled medicines. Signs on the wall of the pharmacy describe in Vietnamese the contents of such parcels and advertise the fact that although they cost only \$45 or \$50 (450 piasters at the official exchange rate) in the United States, they are worth 1,500 or 2,000 piasters (about \$200) on the black market in Saigon.

The second most popular item in the parcels is what refugees call "soie pfap," literally, the term means "French silk"; it is polyester, cheap in the United States but unobtainable in Vietnam.

Since some Vietnamese residents are denied work permits because of their affiliation with the previous regime, they are forced to make a meager living embroidering "soie pfap" semi by American relatives and then reselling it just because it's there."

Some Get Shopping Lists

Otherwise, the contents of the packages are more diverse. Some refugees say they regularly get shopping lists from their Vietnamese relatives indicating what is in short supply at the moment.

A popular item in packages for older relatives is a patent medicine called "Tiger Balm," an ointment for muscular aches and arthritis. Ironically, it is manufactured in Hong Kong, imported to the United States and then reshipped to Saigon in large quantities.

Because gasoline is in short supply in Vietnam, most autos sit idle. Refugees report, however, that motorcycle spark plugs and other parts are often requested. Entire bicycles are sometimes sent via air freight.

### Everything Used

One former South Vietnamese soldier, now living in the U.S. said of his family in Vietnam: "They do not write me lists. I just know that anything I send, they will use."

Once the packages arrive in Vietnam, there is the problem of theft of goods by Vietnamese customs officials and with capriciousness of customs regulations — what one refugee called "a nice way for the government to steal."

However, there is some feeling among refugees that both capriciousness and corruption are declining, that the package trade is indeed being facilitated by the Vietnamese government.

### Deals Condone Trade

The refugee, who spends a fourth of his \$200-a-week income on packages, described a new arrangement for the payment of duty suggesting the government condones the package trade. His mother, who is poor, often lacks the cash to pay duty levied on her packages. However, customs officials in Vietnam allow her to bring a black market merchant with her when she picks up the parcel, he said.

In the presence of the customs officer, the woman and the merchant haggle over the value, and when a bargain is struck, the merchant pays duty on the parcel, deducting it from the agreed-on price.

Everyone — woman, merchant and government — seems to benefit.

**HONEYCOMB HOTEL:** This score of Moray eels inhabit a special habitat designed for them from plastic pipe at Marineland of California. Here spectators can observe the Morays' antics; they usually hide in shadowy rock crevices in ocean reefs. Although they don't look too friendly they are actually harmless unless kicked or stepped on.

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## Scottish singer finds 'show biz' is a jungle, she is always on guard

By Dennis Hunt

**LOS ANGELES (LAT)** — Show biz, they say, is a jungle, full of rogues, hustlers, and vulturous con men. A bit overstated but essentially accurate. The show-biz jungle can be particularly hellish and hazardous for women artists, especially young, pretty women artists like Sheena Easton, the 22-year-old Scottish pop singer. She's surviving OK but paying a price for it. Look at what's happened to her in the past year.

Easton, who grew up poor in a town near Glasgow, Scotland, was a wide-eyed rookie a year ago, bursting into international prominence with her first single, *Morning Train*, one of the biggest hits of 1981. Then she had little experience as a performer or a recording artist. Her big break was being chosen over several hundred other novice singers to be the subject of a BBC documentary on a beginning recording career. Her bonus was an audition with EMI Records, which gave her a contract.

Her first album included two hit singles, *Morning Train* and *Modern Girl*. Those formula pop tunes were rather flimsy but her vocals were impressive enough to attract the attention of the producers of the James Bond movie, *For Your Eyes Only*. Not only did she sing the title song, which made the top five, but her exotic face was featured in the sensuous title sequence.

That's when her career really took off. Fans liked her looks as much as her singing. Barely 5-foot tall, part sultry tigress and part girl next door, she's been called the sexy pixie.

In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* a year ago at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Easton, in America for the first time, came across as tough and wary. She was a stranger in the showbiz jungle but had the bravado of a veteran. "You can't be weak and soft and stupid in this business," she said then. "That's how you get trampled and left behind."

Her confidence seemed like an act. She was vulnerable but didn't want to show it. She had enough savvy to know that it's the vulnerable ones who are the easy prey.

How is Easton now, after a year in the jungle? Today she's an even bigger star. Recently she was nominated for a Grammy for best new artist. Her confidence, bolstered by experience, now seems genuine. The bravado is still there but that wide-eyed innocence she had vanished without a trace.

This time she was headquartered at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Easton, who lives in London and travels to America monthly, was in town for an awards show and to promote her second EMI album, *You Should Have Been With Me*. It's vastly superior to her first album, *Sheena Easton*, which she now dismisses as "lightweight pop that was OK to start with but it's not as good as I can do."

Easton mostly talked about surviving in the jungle. The big difference between her now

and a year ago, she observed, is that she's much more guarded now: "I have to be more closed and careful now. I've seen a lot more. I have to watch out for people more than ever. I have become more vulnerable as I have more success because more people want things from me."

"I meet hundreds of new people. They all appear to be friends. I guess most of them are all right but a lot of them aren't. You look for sincere people but sincerity is so abused in the entertainment business. It's a vehicle, a means to an end. What looks like sincerity sometimes isn't. I always wonder about people. Are they being honest? Do they want something from me? Do they want to know me for me or because I'm Sheena Easton, the singer who can do something for them in some way."

How does Easton deal with all this? "I don't open up," she replied. "I cling to my few close friends. It's hard to get to me. I make no apologies for that. It's the way it is."

But extreme caution and suspicion, she pointed out, while necessary for survival in the jungle, have their drawbacks: "the guard I have up in my professional life tends to spill over into my personal life. You start doubting people who are close to you and being suspicious of their motives. You tend to screen people out who shouldn't be screened out. You put up a wall and hide behind it with a few close friends. But it's hard to grow that way."

"Sometimes I regret being so guarded, I don't want to be suspicious. I want to like people, like an average person does. But I realize I can't do that. That's hard thing to face."

At times, though, Easton admitted, she's not as guarded as she should be in her romantic life. A divorcee, she was married a few years ago for just eight months.

"I have my weak moments," she said. "My guard does down. When I fall in love I usually do it all wrong. I fall in love with the wrong man and wind up broken-hearted and I think, 'how can I be so stupid?' In romance I go with instinct more than I should. I should use my head more."

But lately, Easton, said, she's been more careful: "not many men get close enough to make a pick. I have too many people around me, constant travel companions, security people. There just aren't many opportunities for romance and I don't go looking for it now. If you look for it you'll find it in five minutes. I don't spend my life looking for romance but I must say there is that odd occasion when I do look for it."

"Men are a complication I don't need now. Give me two months holiday a year and maybe in those two months I'd have a relaxed romantic interlude. But if I have just a short holiday like I do now, I'd rather sleep."

Now Easton is more concerned about her first American tour in the spring, sorting out movie offers and planning her next album.



PICKLED CABBAGE: The Chinese pickle cabbage for from a month and a half to as long as a year. It goes well as a side dish.

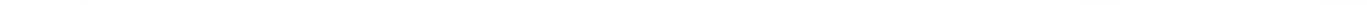
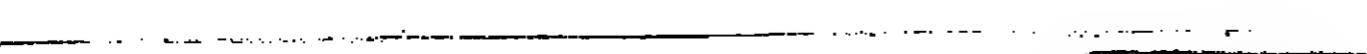
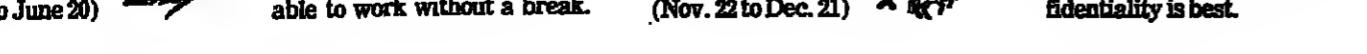
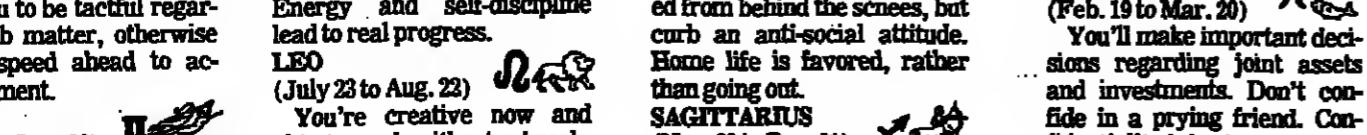
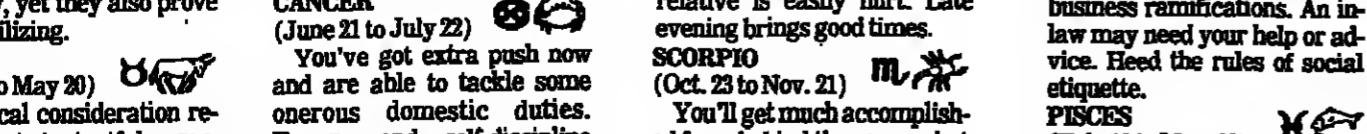
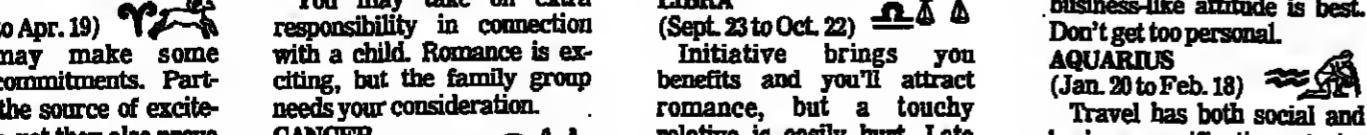
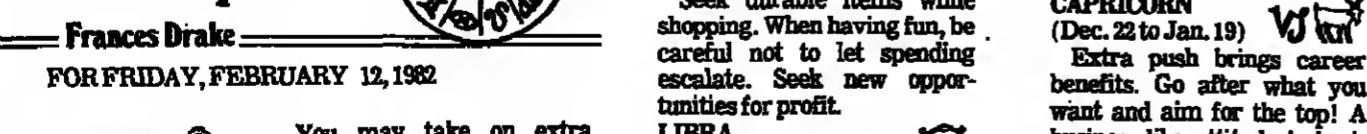
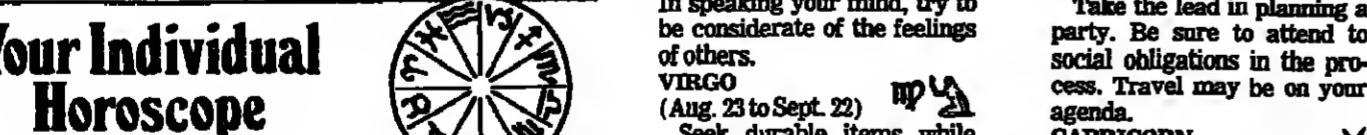
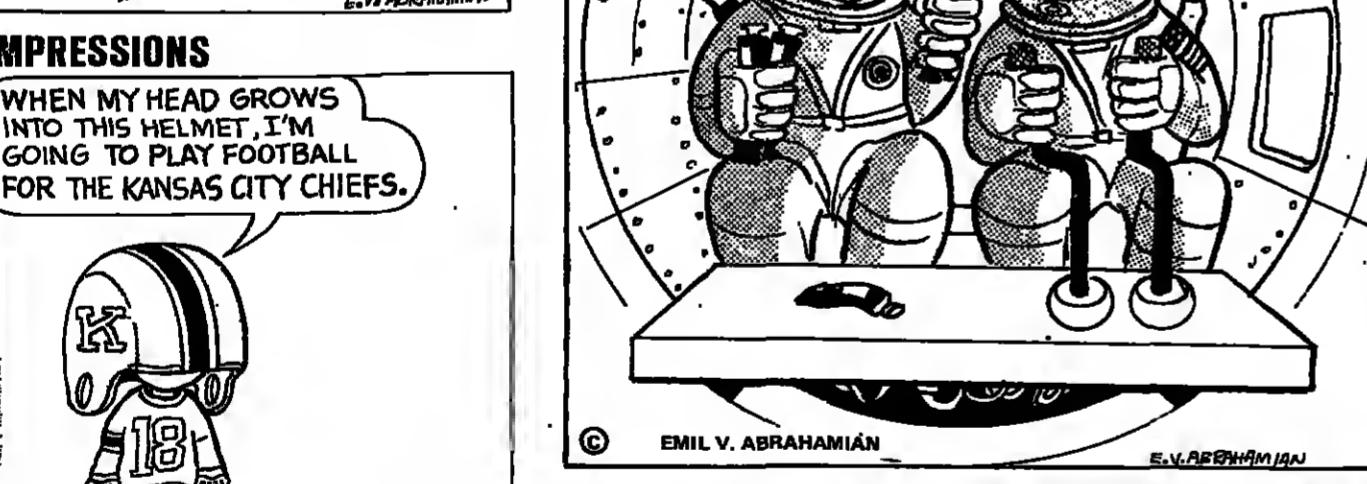
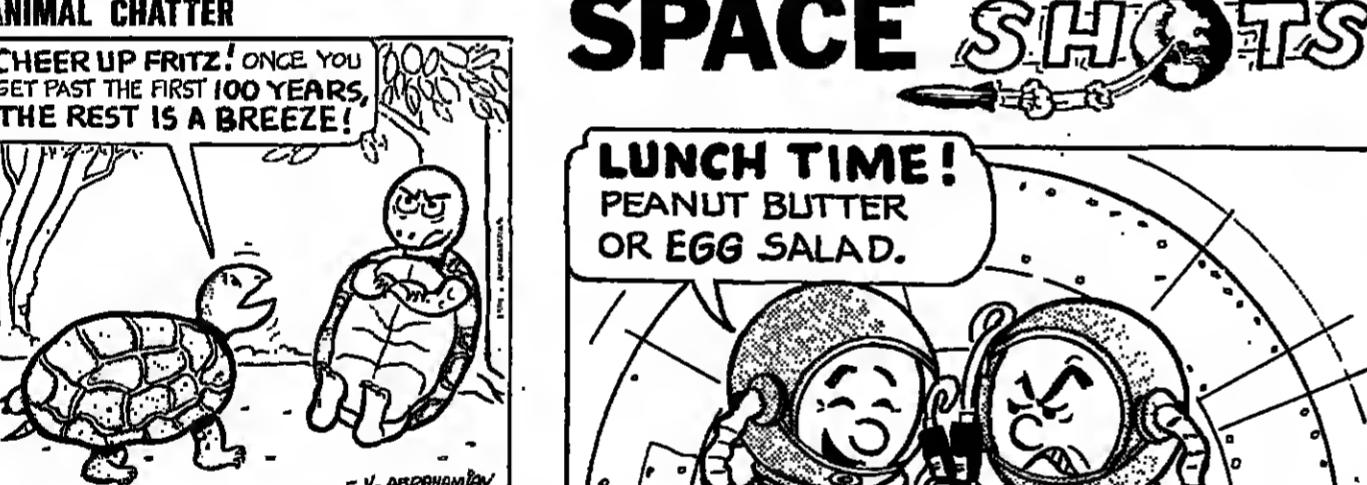
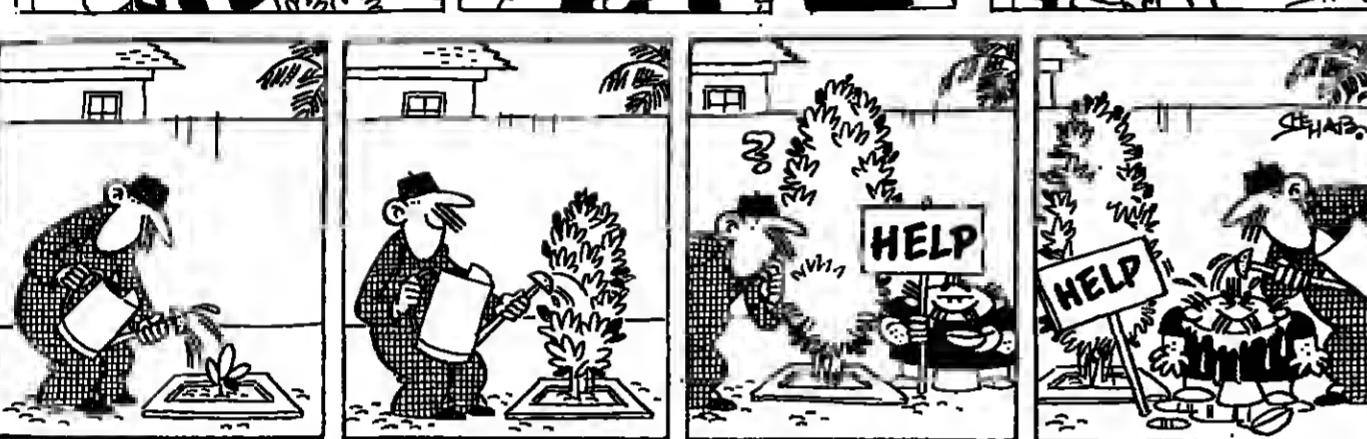
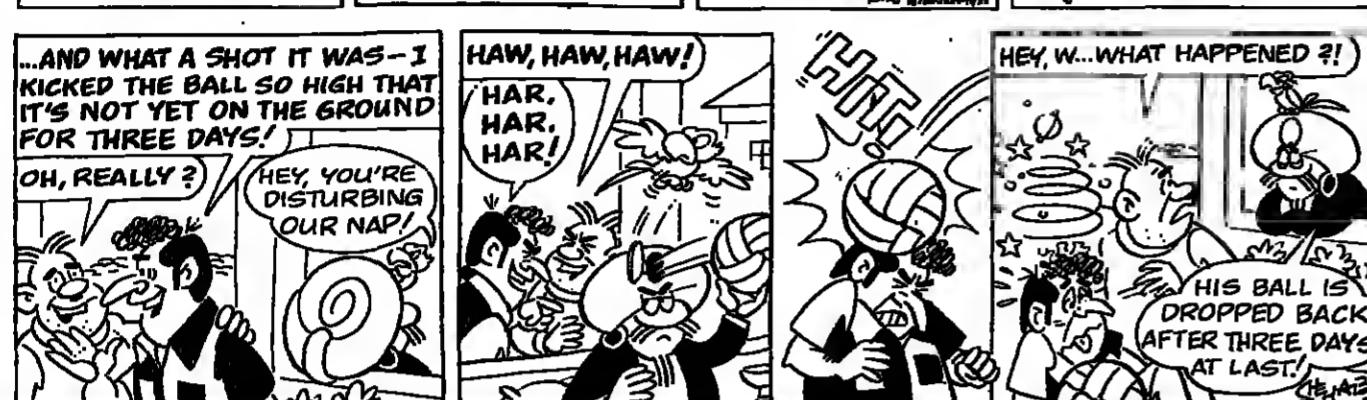
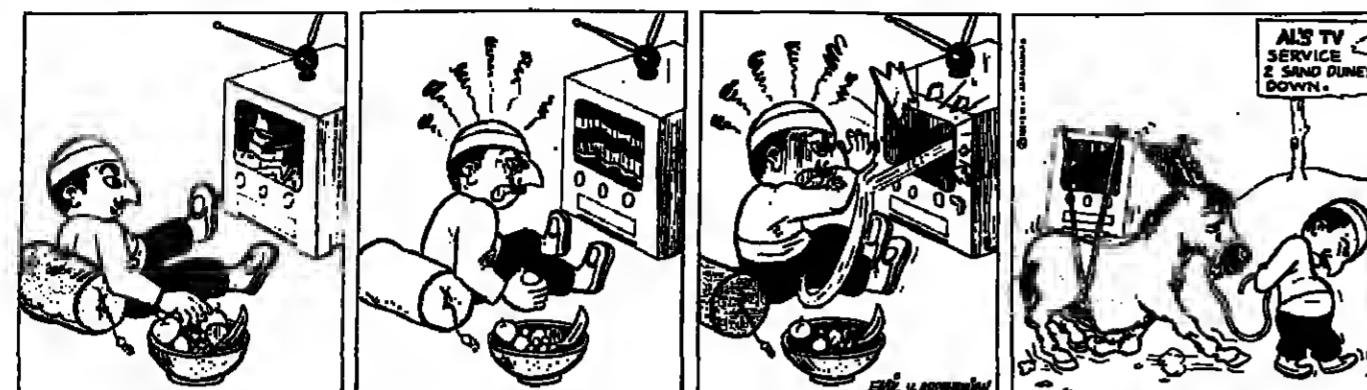
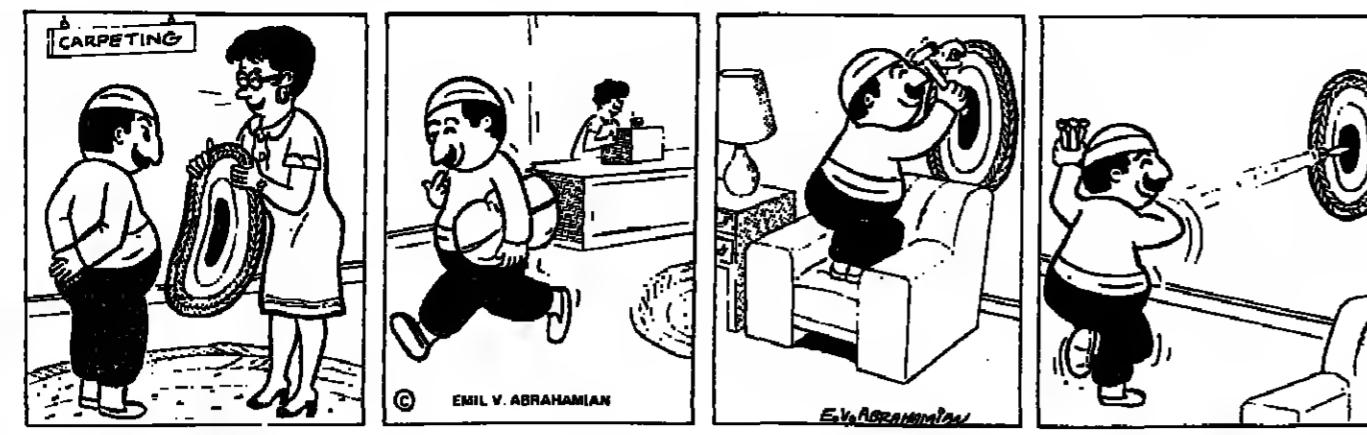
## Pickled cabbage: a tasty delicacy, it improves the taste of meat, fish

Pickled cabbage is a delicacy that can be served as a side-dish companion with meat or fish. Additional benefits arise from cabbage's high fiber content; it has been credited with reducing cholesterol and slowing hardening of the arteries. Cabbage is generally praised as an all-around health food and retains almost all of its vitamins, minerals and protein even after cooking.

The Chinese pickle cabbage by letting the leaves dry and then placing them into pickling barrels made from cypress wood; a layer of salt is alternated with each layer of cabbage and the barrel is covered with plastic. A large stone slab is placed on top of the barrel to exert firm, steady pressure.

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STUMPY STUMBLER



**Scheme termed protectionist**

# France acts to aid textile units

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R) — The French government, under fire from abroad for trade policies regarded as protectionist, has approved a scheme to aid its ailing textile industry.

President spokesman Pierre Beregovoy said Wednesday the government would subsidize social security contributions from textile firms in return for commitments on employment and new investment. The two-year aid scheme is part of a government strategy for tackling unemployment and boosting industrial competitiveness.

France's textile industry has declined with rising imports from less developed nations, taking about 50 percent of the French market last year compared to 40 percent in 1979.

The industry, based in the north and northeast of France, has lost some 200,000 jobs in the past decade and now employs about 55,000 people.

Beregovoy said the scheme was aimed at helping the industry modernize and regain its competitiveness. Industrial specialists estimate its costs at two billion francs (\$332 million).

## Airbus poses threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The European Airbus is challenging U.S. leadership in the world aircraft market, says the Aerospace Industries Association of America.

Calling the Airbus "without a doubt the most successful program ever attempted by the Europeans," it said heavy financial backing by the French and West German governments gives the company tremendous leverage in promoting sales.

Airbus Industrie, which makes the wide-body plane, also has British Spanish, Belgian and Dutch participation. In a study called "The Challenge of Foreign Competition," the American group said Airbus had only 3 percent of the world market in 1977, but reached 43 percent by last September.

## Bangladesh gets \$70m from IMF

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund announced Wednesday a credit to Bangladesh equivalent to approximately \$70 million.

The special drawing rights credit was to compensate for a shortfall in export earnings due largely to lower prices of raw jute and jute products which account for almost 70 percent of Bangladesh's total exports, the IMF said.

## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (SR)	Closing Date
Tabuk Municipality	Maintenance and operation of water networks and related facilities in Tabuk	1	1,000	13-2-82
Presidency of the National Guard in Riyadh	Washing, greasing and maintenance of National Guard in various areas	23/401/ 402	200	13-2-82
Jeddah Municipality	Improvement and beautification of Jeddah, phase III, group IV	55	10,000	22-2-82

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

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#### 1. SHIPS DISCHARGING :

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1A.	Ville De Havre	Shobokshi	Contra/Ro-Ro Units	9.2.82
1.	Seaspeed Amanica	Alireza	Heavy Vehicles	10.2.82
4.	Syra	Samaodah	Barley & Staal	2.2.82
5.	Hellenic Prida	Alpha	Gan/Conts/Rice	2.2.82
7.	Yannis D	A.A.	Barley	30.1.82
8.	Kota Melati	O.C.E.	Textile/Gan/Durra	1.2.82
10.	World Tradar	Bamaodah	Barley	7.2.82
11.	Olympiakos	Gulf	Barley	10.2.82
13.	Golden Yenbo	El Hawi	Std/Tim/Gan/Conts.	2.2.82
14.	Char Kang	Abdullah	Gen/St/Conts/Timb.	10.2.82
15.	Frozen Sailor	O.C.E.	Citrus Fruit	9.2.82
16.	Sharky Bay	SAMSCO	Ldg Mty Conts.	10.2.82
18.	Achillaea	Rolaco	Bulg Cermant	7.2.82
19.	Jill Cord	Alsebah	Bulg Cermant	27.1.82
21.	Apollon	A.A.	Barley	9.2.82
23.	Al Farwaniah	Kenoo	Camant/Steel/Gan.	10.2.82
24.	Al Bandar	Alpha	Bag Barley/Sorghum	3.2.82
25.	Palagos	M.T.A.	Containars	9.2.82
26.	Alwa	Baghdadi	Wheat	6.2.82
27.	Seudi Prida	M.E.S.A.	Tiles	1.2.82
28.	Kamatari	Algezirah	Gen/Cem/Steel	6.2.82
28.	Balmoral Universal	O.C.E.	Chicken	2.2.82
35.	Nedlloyd Rochester	Alatas	Contrs/Ro-Ro Units	11.2.82

#### 2. RECENT ARRIVALS :

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
Saudi Independance	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Steel		10.2.82
AI Farwaniah	Kenoo	Cam/St/Gen.		"
Char Kang	Abdullah	Gen/St/Cont/Timb.		"
Claudia Koegal	Shobokshi	Gan/Vehicles		"
Stonewall Jackson	Kenoo	Gan/Ldg Scrap Steel		"
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6.	Al Rayyan	Kanoo	General	9.2.82
7.	Anangel Prosperity	Gulf	Timber	8.2.82
9.	Bangler Tarani	SCSA	Loading Urea	5.2.82
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13.	Uniluck	Gosabil	Steel	8.2.82
14.	Spruce	Gulf	Steel Pipes	7.2.82
15.	Hallanic Sky	Orri	Rice/Gen.	8.2.82
16.	Saudi Sunrise	Gosabil	Ganeral/Timber	25.1.82
17.	Ayesha	SSMS	Bagged Barley	9.2.82
18.	Saudi Prina	Gosabil	General	7.2.82
19.	Acropolis	AET	Steal Bars	10.2.82
22.	Yung Fon Lu	SSMS	To Load Empty Conts.	10.2.82
25.	Australia Maru	General	Containera	9.2.82
29.	Ocean Confidence	Barber	General	9.2.82
30.	Agility	Gosabil	Bagged Barley	1.2.82

## arabnews Economy

# Work begins on UAE's power projects

## Financial Roundup

# Dollar, riyal rates stay firm

By J.H. Hammond

ABU DHABI, Feb. 11 (WAM) — The government of Abu Dhabi has launched a Dh. 3-billion (about \$820 million) project for the generation and distribution of electricity, the Duhal-based English language daily *Khaleej Times* reported Thursday.

Work has already begun on the first phase of the giant complex that is to produce a phenomenal 160 megawatts of electricity to feed the increasing requirements of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain cities and the growing industrial complex around them", it added.

The new complex, being constructed near the Abu Dhabi-Dubai highway will also produce 20 million gallons of desalinated water.

Saeed Attique Salim, the assistant under-secretary of the department of water and electricity in Abu Dhabi, told the paper that studies had been completed for the second phase of the project during which four new power generating units would be installed at the complex.

EEC Commission experts have been studying the plans after complaints from other EEC countries that they were in breach of EEC trade rules. But the experts concluded that, in principle at least, the moves did not break the regulations, although detailed study of financial aid to the industries concerned was still needed.

France wants to limit imports of products such as shoes, furniture, textiles, and domestic appliances. But an overall strategy has not yet been set out. Foreign government officials and businessmen have expressed concern that government plans for industry to "reconquer the domestic market" — one of its main slogans — will give an unfair advantage to local firms and lead to protectionism.

Western specialists, but Reagan's hawks go on to argue that, in these circumstances, purchases of technology and food from the West become vital props for the Soviet Union which that therefore be pulled away.

The European objections miss the point of Washington's new economic policy toward the Soviet Union. This was taking shape in the minds of hawkish members of the Reagan administration who assumed office. Poland is merely an opportunity for them to develop with more vigor.

Its premise is that the Soviet Union is entering a period of economic difficulty of a strikingly new kind. Growth rates are falling and, faced with unprecedented scarcity of both labor and cheap raw materials, there is little Moscow's centrally planned economy can do to get the big increase in productivity needed to improve output.

This much is common thinking among

travel restrictions on diplomats and tighter credit terms, are accordingly more expressions of disapproval than pressure expected to budge Moscow. (The freeze on European credits to Poland is different and does present General Jaruzelski with a serious problem).

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But the Soviet government is a key prop in the melodramatic view of a senior Reagan official, it "constitutes an economic lifeline from the West which offers perhaps the final opportunity for the Soviet leadership to bail out a bankrupt and failing system."

This wish to ruin the Russians' nose in their economic difficulties has another important component. If the Soviet government will not agree to the sort of arms control measures acceptable to Washington, that is no reason for regret: unplanned increases in Soviet defense spending to match American efforts will multiply Moscow's economic problems and weaken it.

The Senate defeated by 55 votes to 39 an amendment by Moynihan and Wisconsin Republican Robert Kasten that would have required the administration to declare Poland in default unless the president could

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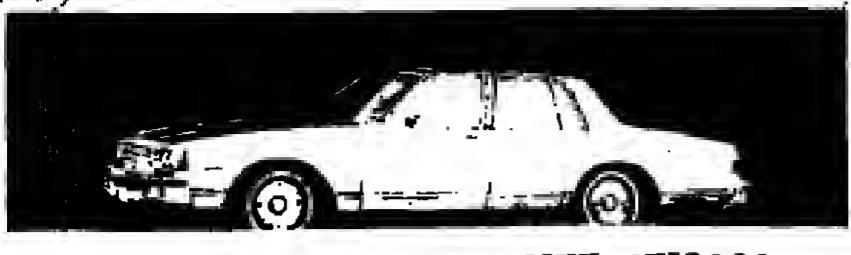
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*Restrictions to go*

## Polish minister hints at Walesa's release

MADRID, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Polish Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa is taking part in frequent informal talks with government authorities and may be released soon, Polish Deputy Foreign Minister Josef Wiejacz said Thursday.

Walesa, detained when martial law was imposed in Poland in mid-December, "quite often" meets Trade Union Affairs Minister Stanislaw Ciosiek, Wiejacz told a news conference. The Polish official said he was unable to say whether there was any progress in the talks because Walesa had asked the



Lech Walesa

government to keep them secret.

Wiejacz said he did not know when the leader of the suspended union movement would be freed, but he quoted reports from Warsaw suggesting it might be soon. Walesa, who is believed to be under house arrest in a government villa, "belongs formally among the people who are interested but is treated in a special way," Wiejacz said.

He added that Walesa had special rights and was allowed access to many people, including his wife and representatives of the Roman Catholic church. Wiejacz is in Madrid attending the 35-state European Security Conference, which may be adjourned soon because of sharp East-West differences over the Polish military crackdown.

He said Polish authorities wanted "to continue a policy of renewal and political and economic reforms on the basis of the participation of all patriotic forces," including the Catholic church, Solidarity and other trade union groups. Most restrictions affecting ordinary people under martial law would be lifted at the end of February.

Wiejacz said detainees were being released at the rate of 20 to 30 each day out of a total of about 4,000 still being held last week. But

## S. Africans protest jail death

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 11 (R) — A concerted national work stoppage and other demonstrations throughout South Africa to mark the death in police detention of a white union worker passed peacefully Thursday, police and employers said.

Workers in a wide range of industries in most major cities downed tools for periods of between five and 30 minutes as part of a mounting protest over the death last Friday of Dr. Neil Aggett. Dr. Aggett, the Transvaal province secretary of the black Food and Canning Workers Union (FCWU), was found hanging in his cell at Johannesburg's John Vorster Square Police Headquarters after being detained for 70 days without charge.

Police said he apparently took his own life. But relatives have said they do not believe the

## Red Brigades warn further action

NAPLES, Feb. 11 (R) — Italy's left-wing Red Brigades have claimed responsibility for a raid on an army weapons dump and said a recent police crackdown would not stop them taking further action.

"The armed party is reorganizing and the struggle will continue," the urban guerrilla group said in a communiqué found in a Naples rubbish bin after a telephone tip-off. Attached the five-page communiqué was a photograph of nearly 50 weapons including mortars, machineguns and rifles seized by

## U.S. draws viewers with 3-D movie

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 11 (AP) — A New Orleans station has become the first commercial TV station in the United States to televise a three-dimensional movie, and the program was a big hit: about 340,000 pairs of special 3-D glasses were sold to prospective viewers.

*Revenge of the Creature*, a three-dimensional horror movie, was shown Tuesday over station WGNO-TV, and although there was no immediate estimate of the number of people who tuned in, hundreds of thousands of residents got ready to do so.

A chain store sold 340,000 pairs of the special blue-and-red-tinted glasses needed to make 3-D movies appear three-dimensional.



International

## U.S. plans mandatory furloughs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Tensions in the U.S. government workers are being told they soon will be required to stay home one day every two weeks without pay so the government can save money, several officials said Wednesday.

The mandatory furloughs, planned to begin in March and April, are part of a government-wide effort to reduce federal labor costs and limit the number of layoffs. Each agency is determining separately whether to require the mandatory furlough days, which would continue until the end of the current fiscal year Sept. 30.

J. Lynn Helms, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, told his regional administrators Wednesday to require employees to stay home one day every other week beginning in April. About two-thirds of the FAA's 45,000 employees around the country would be affected by the action. FAA officials said air traffic controllers are exempt from the directive and will work a full week.

Officials said about 3,000 employees of the office of personnel management and nearly 6,000 employees at the Census Bureau also have been told they will have to take a total of 10 days off without pay between now and the end of the fiscal year for budgetary reasons.

The office of personnel management issued a directive in December urging the heads of agencies and departments to take a number of actions, including mandatory furloughs, to "minimize as much as possible" the number of federal workers who will have to be dismissed.

## China dampens rumors on Deng

PEKING, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — China Thursday moved to dampen speculation about Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, who has not been seen in public for a month, by saying he retains all his posts.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Deng was still chairman of the Communist Party Military Commission as well as party vice chairman and chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. The spokesman was commenting on remarks to Reuters by Vice Premier Wan Li, who said last Saturday that Deng had withdrawn from day-to-day decision-making but was still involved in the formulation of high-level policy.

"What Vice Premier Wan Li said reflected the actual situation over recent years and there is nothing new," the spokesman said.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman did not comment on Deng's health, although Wan and other officials have said he is in excellent condition.

Speculation about Deng's health and position has been intense in the last two weeks. Unlike almost all other Chinese leaders, he did not attend celebrations for the lunar new year in late January and last appeared in public Jan. 12. Wan said: "Because he is aged 77, we are greatly concerned about him and only seek suggestions from him on major issues ... His health is perfect."

Most diplomats here say they feel that Deng's withdrawal is consistent with his desire to inject new blood into China's elderly bureaucracy. They note that he has said he plans to retire by 1985. But they say they are puzzled by Deng's recent disappearance from public view.

Wan said Deng had recently spent three weeks resting in south China. He did not say whether he had since returned to Peking. The pro-Communist Hong Kong newspaper *Wen Wei Po* said Thursday that Deng was now back in Peking after spending more than 10 days in Canton. Diplomatic sources say Deng has been on a major inspection tour in the south, trying to shake up the bureaucracy in his grand campaign to streamline the bloated Chinese government and party.

## Spain sets trial of plotters

MADRID, Feb. 11 (AP) — The army announced Thursday it will put three high-ranking generals, 29 military men and one civilian on trial Feb. 19 for trying to overthrow Spain's civilian government by storming into parliament and holding the government and entire lower house hostage at gunpoint.

The court martial date, set by the army superior council of 22 generals, will come four days before the first anniversary of the abortive coup attempt. Government officials declined immediate comment but acknowledged privately the military trial would be an important watershed in its continuing efforts to discredit right-wing and Francoist military opposition.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the government wanted the trial delayed until after the anniversary date and the annual speech by King Juan Carlos Feb. 20 to the Zaragoza Military Academy. The officials said concern remains that

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Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem

In Washington, a certain man called Keith fell in love with a certain young woman called Karen. Keith made his intentions—and they were strictly honorable—known to Karen, and her reply was that she was too young to marry just yet. Whereupon Keith, a man evidently not given to doing things by half, went into action.

He deluged her with roses (number one thousand.)

He kept sending her father boxes of the best cigars.

He kept sending her family boxes of chocolate cakes, and the rarest of tropical fruits, nuts and the like.

He sent a clown to amuse her little brother.

He sent her a limousine, complete with driver, to ferry her from home to her place of work—a little restaurant nearby.

He put a small jet plane in the airport at her service, should she want to shop in New York or, if she changed her mind, to take them on their honeymoon wherever she wished. Finally, he kept sending a fully fledged orchestra to serenade her all hours of the day and night.

And it was this last item which affected me most, and not out of any sentimental reason but simply because Karen for me and my family here in Washington is the girl next door.

In fact, although I haven't met Karen herself, her mother is a good friend of the family, and has been kind enough to share with us and other neighbors many of the goodies which the heartsmiter Keith had been sending. She told us that she had already been to the police about this unwanted generosity (and especially about the orchestra) but they declined to help.

Karen and Keith's story found its place in the national press here, in the *Washington Post* to be precise. Now its fame is international ....

Translated from *Aswat Al-Awsat*



Sir Freddie Laker

## U.S., Soviets resume talks on arms cut

GENEVA, Feb. 11 (AP) — American and Soviet negotiators, amid mounting indications of an impasse, conferred for 2½ hours Thursday in the 15th full round of talks on limiting intermediate range nuclear arms in Europe.

The session followed a pointed exchange between Washington and Moscow, highlighting the distance that prevails at the politically sensitive talks. The Reagan administration said Wednesday it rejects as "spurious" a slightly modified Soviet proposal to reduce medium-range nuclear strength to "300 units on both sides" by 1990. A State Department spokesman said the plan would leave untouched the most formidable intermediate-range weapon in the Soviet arsenal, the mobile SS-20, the dismantling of which is a major U.S. objective at the talks.

About 280 triple-warhead SS-20 systems, capable of hitting targets anywhere in Europe, have already been deployed. The West has no comparable intermediate-range weapon in place. The revised Soviet offer was set forth Tuesday in Moscow. At the same time, the Kremlin assailed as "absurd" the draft treaty, submitted last week by the American delegation, proposing that both sides dismantle or cancel plans to deploy a variety of sophisticated missile systems. The offer, commonly called the "zero option," has been likened by the Kremlin to unilateral disarmament.

The exchange between Washington and Moscow was the second in 10 days and indicated that the bargaining teams have made little progress in bridging the wide differences evident as the talks began Nov. 30.

## Manotoc keeps mum on abduction

MANILA, Feb. 11 (AP) — Sportsman Tommy Manotoc Thursday described his 41-day kidnapping ordeal as "a barrowing experience" but said he would rather be silent about the incident.

His hands trembling, the 32-year-old golfer, who was abducted after he secretly married Marcos' daughter Imee, spoke at a news conference abruptly ended by his father when reporters began asking questions. The scheduled interview at the family residence was delayed more than an hour because Manotoc, his mother said, had been talking on the phone with Miss Marcos. The two were married in the United States in December over strong objections from Marcos and his wife Imelda.

Manoloc had said after his announced rescue by government troops Monday that he was kidnapped by gunmen who identified themselves as Communist guerrillas and that there was "no truth" in the allegation that the Marcoses ordered the kidnapping. But his brother Dini told reporters he thought "there is more to it than what he (Tommy) said."

But Manotoc, looking pale and anguished, did not change the story told a nationwide television audience after his rescue. "As far as my horrifying experience is concerned, I have nothing more to say," he told a crowded press conference. "I have given my statement. I am afraid that there is very little more that I can say and I hope you will bear with me for my silence."

He said he had not fully recovered from the kidnapping. "I have not slept, I have not eaten well," he added, speaking with difficulty. When a reporter asked a question, Manotoc's father, Ricardo, broke in and said, "Leverante, Leverante (stand up, stand up)," and led his son away.

Later the father explained Manotoc was in no condition to talk to reporters, saying "it's straining what he went through." Ricardo said he did not think the kidnapping story would be over "till everything falls in its place." Asked if the family had changed its belief that the Marcoses were behind the kidnapping, the father said: "I think it's hard to change the facts."

The elder Manotoc confirmed his son met with Miss Marcos for four hours Tuesday night at the presidential palace and had also been talking with her "for hours" but he said he did not know what they talked about. He said Manotoc also asked to see Marcos personally the night he saw his bride "but he (Marcos) refused to see him."

They are a round, yellow one-pound coin and a silver-colored seven-sided 20 pence piece. Commenting on the innovation, *The Times* of London said the coins were "disconcertingly tiny" and confirmed what Britons have known for years: "Money is shrinking."

Alan Loetherington, sales director for the Royal Mint, said the coins were an attempt to make change easier to carry. "Members of the public have complained for a long time about the weight of coins, and the holes they wear in their pockets," he said.

Manotoc's father swirled. "I wouldn't know when asked by reporters if Manotoc was under any 'pressure' from the palace not to say anything beyond what he said Tuesday."

## GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min. C	Max. F		Min. C	Max. F			
Amsterdam	2	36	10 50	cloudy	19	66	32 90	clear
Athens	5	41	7 45	rain	11	52	26 79	clear
Bahrain	11	52	17	clear	24	75	39 85	cloudy
Bangkok	26	79	32 90	clear	-19	-2	-10 14	cloudy
Beirut	9	48	15 59	clear	-9	48	-9 16	cloudy
Berlin	-1	30	10 50	clear	-5	23	-1 30	clear
Brussels	2	38	12 54	clear	5	41	16 61	clear
Buenos Aires	18	64	30 86	cloudy	1	34	1 34	rain
Cairo	6	43	21 70	cloudy	5	41	14 57	clear
Caracas	19	66	25 77	cloudy	19	66	36 97	clear
Chicago	-15	5	-25 -13	cloudy	1	34	6 43	clear
Copenhagen	3	37	8 44	clear	6	44	13 55	cloudy
Dublin	6	43	11 52	clear	11	52	32 90	clear
Frankfurt	-2	28	10 50	clear	0	32	3 37	cloudy
Geneva	3	37	11 52	clear	21	70	28 82	clear
Helsinki	-2	28	2 36	cloudy	14	57	19 66	cloudy
Hong Kong	12	54	14 57	cloudy	0	32	10 50	clear
Jakarta	23	73	31 88	rain	-17	1	-8 18	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22							